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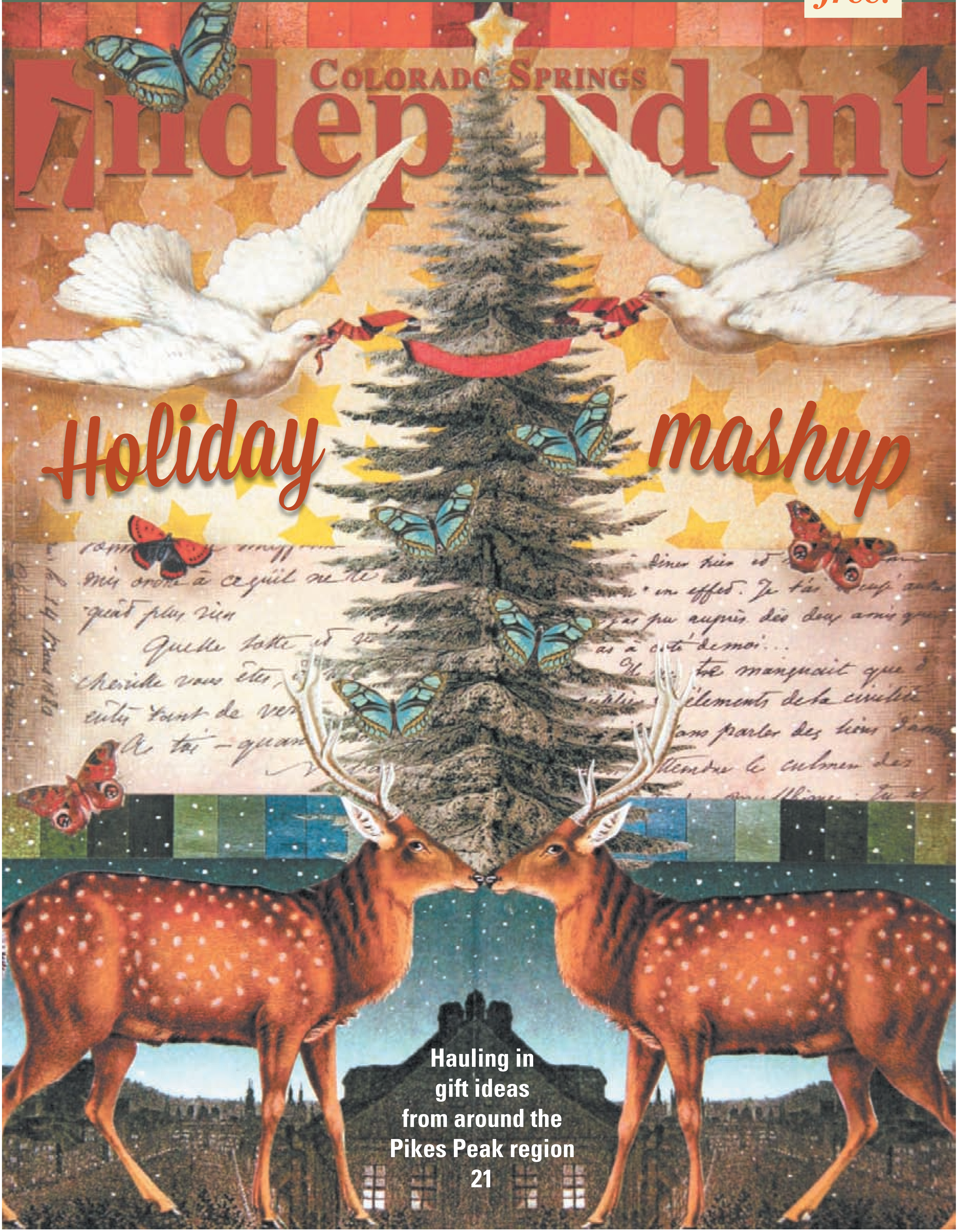

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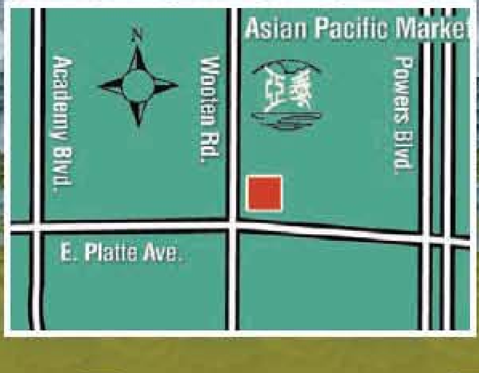
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Randy Price is a smart man.

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He took third place in the 2011 Indy Music Awards blues category, and he grabbed second place this year. Is **Grant Sabin** on a fast track to first in 2013?

In next week's issue, music editor Bill Forman talks to the local singer/songwriter about Sabin's upcoming full-length *Anthromusicology* album and, well, other stuff.

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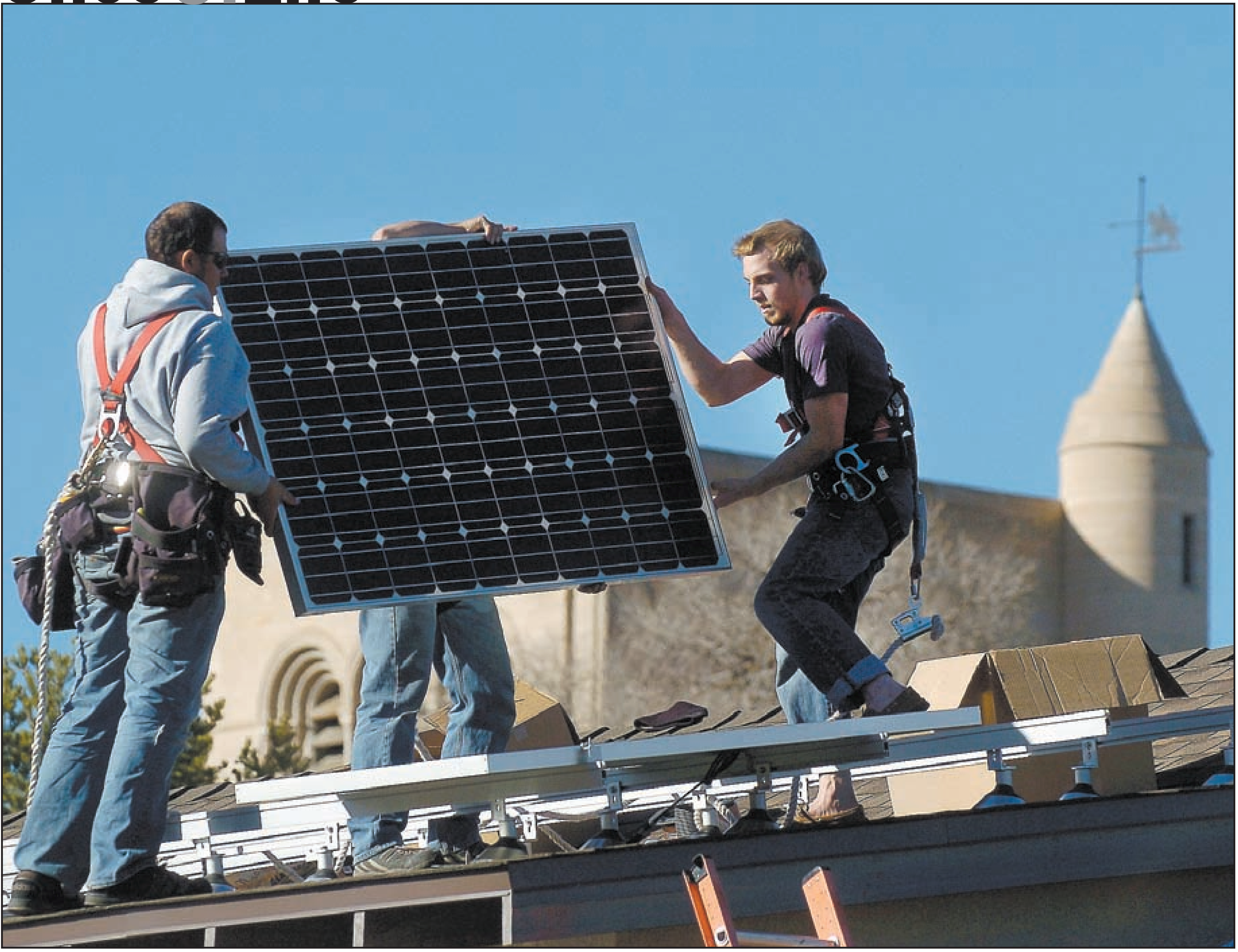
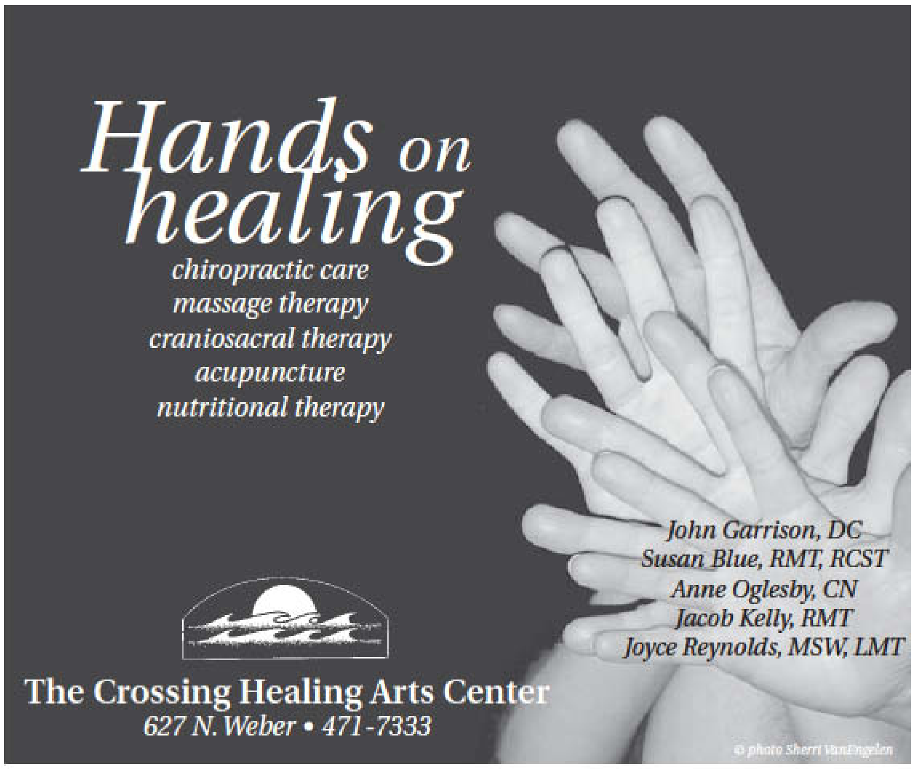


Bryan Oller

Installing solar panels can be costly and tricky — unless you have SunShare donating materials and training, as on Tuesday at Colorado College.



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Teaching kindness

Thank you for bringing the issue of bullying to the forefront in your excellent article ("Schooling Little Monsters," Education Guide, Nov. 21). We all know it's happening, but the solution is complicated, and growing more complex as more avenues for bullying arise (particularly cyber-bullying). Girl-on-girl violence (social, emotional and physical) is especially insidious, and most girls (and women) can describe a time when they were negatively impacted by girl bullying and how far-reaching its effect was.

Seeking solutions, West Middle School will be presenting the documentary *Finding Kind* to all of its girls on Thursday, Dec. 6. "Kind Campaign (kindcampaign.com) is an internationally recognized movement, documentary and school program based on the powerful belief in kindness that brings awareness and healing to the negative and lasting effects of girl-against-girl 'crime.'"

We invite the public to our family and community screening of the documentary at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5, in the West Middle School Auditorium, 1920 W. Pikes Peak Ave. By attending this screening, you can take a stand and help create change in the lives of girls.

— Katie Clarke Flemate
West Middle School
counseling coordinator

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Kim made this newspaper's editorial board swoon with his impeccable fashion sense, chic short hairstyle, and, of course, that famous smile.'

— North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un, as described in The Onion*'s 'Sexiest Man Alive 2012' story. China's Communist Party newspaper,* People's Daily*, responded with a celebratory 55-page photo spread on its website.*

Drug war failures

The people of Colorado and Washington state are way ahead of the politicians in Washington, D.C. ("What's the world coming to?" City Sage, Nov. 21).

If the goal of marijuana prohibition is to subsidize Mexican drug cartels, prohibition is a success. The drug war distorts supply-and-demand dynamics so that big money grows on little trees.

If the goal of marijuana prohibition is to deter use, prohibition is a failure. The United States has double the rate of use as the Netherlands, where marijuana is legally available.

Let's hope President Obama does the right thing in his second term and brings the change promised in 2008. If his administration won't lead long-overdue marijuana law reform, they at least need to get out of the way.

- The 2008 WHO survey confirming higher rates of use in United States: plosmedicine.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pmed.0050141
- Drug stats from the United Nations: unodc.org
- Comparative analysis of U.S. vs. Dutch rates of drug use: drugwarfacts.org/cms/Netherlands_v_US

— Robert Sharpe, policy analyst
Common Sense for Drug Policy
Washington, D.C.

'When white men ruled'

To those who emotionally, intellectually and otherwise find some political reason to oppose Barack Obama at any cost, please allow me to tell you what is actually going on. Demographically the electorate has been changing. The same thing happened through the 1880s and 1890s, the 1920s and the 1970s, and it has also happened in the 2000s.

Now whites make up 72 percent, (down from 87 percent in 1992) of the electorate and white males just make up one third of the electorate.

This year, Obama won with just 39 percent of white votes, the majority coming from females, and further the majority of those coming from females under age 40. Obama received 44 percent of his total vote share from ethnic-racial minorities, 53 percent from those minorities and women under 40, 78 percent of his vote share from men and women under 49 combined with minorities. So 22 percent of his votes came from whites over the age of 50.

It means that Obama's coalition is the first one to win a presidency getting less than 40 percent of white voters.

Now how he did it is a story of great interest, but the fact that he did it is another bigger one. White voters continue to decay by 0.939 percent annually, meaning in 2016 they will be below 70 percent. In 2024 they will be about or less than 66 percent (depending on flu shots).

White male dominance is over FOREVER in these United States of America. They might remain in power in corporate positions and other institutions, but over time that will wane. It will be written and misunderstood in history books, if they still exist, and our grandchildren will ask, "How was it when white men ruled?" And I will say, "Worse than now."

— Bob Nemanich
Colorado Springs

Power to consumers

As mayor of Denver, Federico Pena was one of the visionaries who planned and saw to completion the building of Denver International Airport. He also served as secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy. At present, he is co-chair of a coalition of electricity stakeholders who support structured competitive electricity markets.

Here is what Pena has to say: "Colorado's consumers are being denied access to competitive markets for electricity by persisting with the outdated regulated monopoly model for electricity."

"Other states have abandoned the outmoded protected-monopoly regulation approach and embraced competition which has resulted in economic and environmental benefits to consumers" (*Denver Post*, Nov. 16).

Pena goes on to praise the merits of providing customers smart meters to allow them access to dynamic prices in a competitive market. Smart meters would allow consumers to manage their own electricity usage and costs.

We have competition in transportation, telecommunications, financial services, etc. — why not the electrical sector?

— John A. Daly
Colorado Springs

Vulture capital

Everyone saw the advertisements during the recent political campaign, but perhaps there are those who either didn't believe the ads regarding the example of venture capitalists, aka Bain Capital; perhaps, saying we either didn't know anyone involved or thought the advertisements were benign and happening to "someone else," or just election year hyperbole.

However, if you want a homegrown, hometown, real and tangible example of venture capitalists and how they eviscerate, ransack and eventually destroy a company and jobs, you need look no further than the demise of Hostess Brands.

The death of Hostess began, as most of these situations do, with a takeover that at first seemed attractive to many involved with the company. This was the case in 2009 when Ripplewood Holdings, LLC (sound familiar) and lenders took control of Interstate Bakeries Corp. and renamed the company Hostess Brands.

Ripplewood put the company through two bankruptcies, amassed mountains of debt, mismanaged the sales and marketing of an iconic brand, and then attacked the workers demanding more salary and benefit concessions with no reciprocal cuts in management's wages, bonuses, benefits, health insurance, etc.! Gregory Rayburn, CEO, was given a salary of $100,000 a month when he took over to "guide" the company through bankruptcy!

Ripplewood and Rayburn will begin liquidation of the assets of Hostess Brands and profit handsomely, as Bain Capital did with their "acquisitions" by selling brand names, trademarks and other intellectual property, monies that will go to their benefit, given the vagaries of venture capital laws.

In the meantime, 18,000 employees are out of work — just before the holidays! Indeed, a hometown example of greed, selfishness and avarice.

— James M. Hesser
Colorado Springs

LongStoryShort

Lucky to have the day off from my job here at the *Indy*, I spent Black Friday cleaning my house. It wasn't a scrubbing-the-toilets and vacuuming-under-the-fridge kind of day, but a massive game of "keep, toss or donate."

Seven hours later, I had five bags of recycling, a car-trunk full of contributions for the nearest wanting nonprofit, and completely re-alphabetized bookshelves. The only thing I bought that day was a vanilla hazelnut latte from a local coffee shop to keep me rolling.

Now don't get me wrong. I like to shop. I enjoy the hunt, actually, as much as the purchase. And what I've really come to appreciate over the years is the community of local shop owners here in the Pikes Peak region.

Want to browse the aisles with your dog? Sure, come on in! Peanut butter cookie while you look? How about two, and a cup of cider? Can't find what you need? Let me call so-and-so across town for you. All topped off with a warm hug or a cheery wave.

It's a community worth supporting, which I did by wandering around downtown and Old Colorado City on Small Business Saturday. I popped into one of my newer favorites, the one-year-old Earthen Artisan House on West Colorado Avenue. It carries the creations of local artist Nadine Sage, whose work graces our cover, and it's just one of 32 local businesses (plus one chain) that we visited for our annual Gift Guide, starting on p. 21.

Now who's cleaning up?

— Kirsten Akens

The other Gaza story

Regarding "The Gaza Story," Nov. 21:

First, I don't want to reply to all the wars they have had between themselves for years, only the one they are in now. Second, Bill and Genie Durland's remark that the American media consistently cover only Israel's side of the story is too ridiculous to comment on — in this day and time, in Colorado and most of the country, the media cover all of the Arab countries and show mostly what happens in those countries, not what happens in Israel. Eighty percent of U.S. news coverage is for the liberal viewpoint, from the news programs and TV shows like *The View* to night show hosts, etc.

Hamas' objective is to annihilate the Israeli people, not to have a piece of land. I know Israel has a blockade on the Gaza strip, but it is to keep arms from going to Hamas. They took out a leader who is their enemy and has been fighting them all these years. You notice they pinpointed the assassination.

You talk about Israel being for war; they are now completely surrounded because we have helped put Hamas and their allies in charge of every country. Libya now is in limbo but has our enemies in charge. Iran and all the other countries have the same attitude toward us as well as Israel.

I realize you think it is unfair for Israel to have so much power, but without it they would be completely eliminated from the earth. They worked hard and made a paradise out of a desert and really do want to live in peace. It's bad enough what happened to them in Germany, but what they have to go through in their own country is sad.

In the paper today after all the countries got a peace agreement, Hamas won't agree to it. So who wants real peace?

— Rodney Hammond
Colorado Springs

Aiding and abetting

The current wave of secessionist feelings must be very encouraging news to America's enemies.

— Brien Whisman
Colorado Springs

Start the discussion

It has been a long time since freedom of speech, or the press, was transposed into freedom of profit. Back in the 1800s it was decided that without a readership there were no advertisers, and the newspapers would breathe their last breath, becoming a thing of the past. So freedom of revenues outranked our founding fathers' lofty beliefs of freedom of discussing ideas.

With it being easier, and more cost-saving, to ask only the simple questions, freedom of debate is limited to the editors' point of view. "Variety, in coverage" and giving many facets of thoughts on the subject certainly became a thing of the past, by Martin Luther King's time.

This is a ghastly thought, because the news alone has the power to lift up the quality of life for all, where it reaches a crescendo, a high point — for all, not just the very rich. End All Poverty, a Colorado nonprofit, aims to assert the fact that rendering the thoughts and fears of the poor could wipe out poverty.

— Jan Hoag
Colorado Springs

Peggy and the drillers

Regarding Peggy Littleton's *Gazette* guest column, "Regional collaboration is the 'oil' of energy independence" on Nov. 18, I beg to differ.

Ms. Littleton challenges us to reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil, I assume by letting local representatives collaborate with oil and gas interests and let them drill with minimal rules limiting air, water and land pollution. She keeps crying that we need energy independence, but facts from the CIA Factbook on Energy show the more we drill, the more we export. We are fourth in the world in refined petroleum product exports and No. 9 in total natural gas exports (2009 data). Drilling here with minimal rules will just contribute our oil and gas to foreign markets so drillers can make more profit.

She is right that domestic energy development must be done the right way, protecting important public health values, mitigating impacts to surrounding citizens and making operators contribute their fair share to roads and schools. What is missing is Ms. Littleton's effort as a county commissioner in protecting citizen health and welfare, and her substantive lack of effort to protect our air, water and land. The county commissioners caved to industry and state pressure, and if you doubt that compare the first and second drafts of El Paso County rules to the pablum they finally approved.

Ms. Littleton wants regional collaboration, meaning she wants Colorado Springs to adopt the county's weak rules, or those of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. They claim the state's regulations are the most strenuous in the country, though COGCC rules allow oil and gas drilling within 350 feet of schools, hospitals and residential areas; don't require water testing; and don't require spills to be reported until they exceed 210 gallons (five barrels), unless waters of the state are involved. And there are only 17 state inspectors to check compliance on more than 47,000 wells.

The state needs to strengthen its regulations and add ten times the inspectors to enforce them, but until it does Colorado Springs must implement protective rules. If Council fails to protect us and collaborates with the county commissioners, we must follow Longmont's example with a ballot initiative to create rules that protect the citizens from pollution.

— Neil Talbott
Colorado Springs

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Greener pastures

Starting in 2013, electronic waste will no longer be permitted in landfills, so learn how to safely dispose of your electronics, how the ban will create jobs, and more, from Drew Johnson of Blue Star Recyclers.

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Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7:30 a.m.
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Colorado Springs, 1775 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd., free
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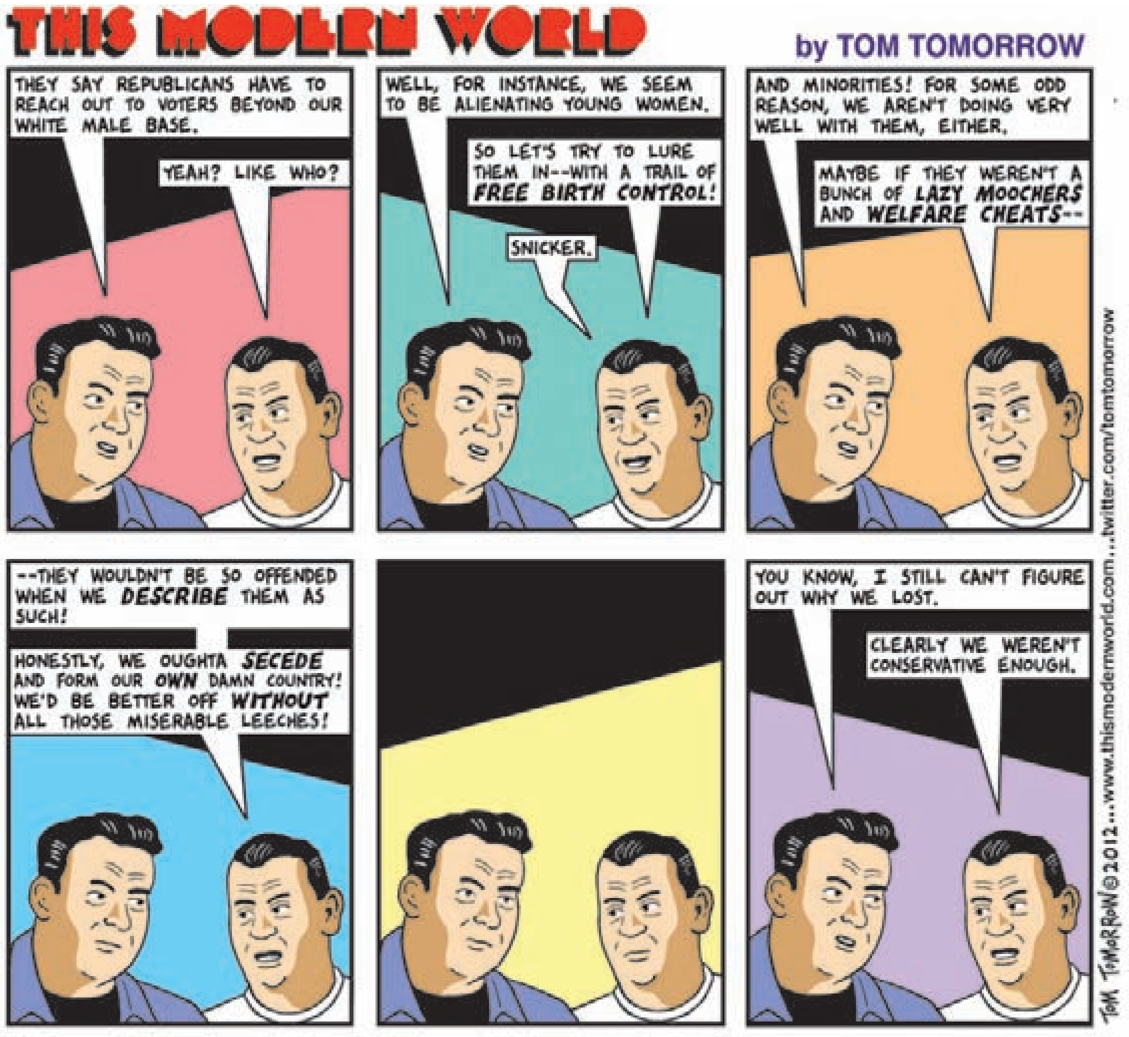
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Correction

The Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind was incorrectly listed under "Private Schools" in the Nov. 21 Education Guide. CSDB is a public, state school. We regret the error.

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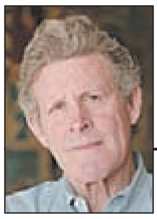

CitySage

By John Hazlehurst

Tough world for canines

Dog lovers — and I'm one — tend to divide the world into two categories: dog lovers and everyone else.

My spouse and I have six children and 18 grandchildren (by coincidence, we're tied with **Mitt** and **Ann Romney** in both categories), but we spent Thanksgiving alone at home. No, it's not because our children are cold and unfeeling — they live and work thousands of miles away. And we weren't really alone; we spent the long weekend with our big, playful, lightly disciplined and much-loved throwaway dogs.

We adopted Dudley a couple of years ago. He was a scared, skinny young animal who quickly became a powerful, protective, unruly dog.

Daisy was an emaciated stray whom we found running collarless on a busy street. We called, she came, we brought her home and searched for her owner. Despite our posting on Craigslist and at the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region, no one claimed her. Today, she's a typical Catahoula — smart, affectionate, and tough enough to roughhouse with Dudley.

Dudley and Daisy were lucky, as were 80 percent of the dogs that passed through the doors of the local Humane Society last year. As shelters go, that's a pretty good record. Compare it to the shelter in Montgomery County, N.C., which kills 98 percent of the dogs brought there (and 100 percent of the cats).

'Breedism' governs dog purchases.

Raleigh TV station WRAL broke the story a few weeks ago. On its website, the station reported that "Montgomery County manager **Matt Woodard** said he isn't surprised by his county's high kill rate, which he attributes to funding problems and a different mentality about animals among people in his county. Less than 1 percent of the county's $29 million budget goes to the shelter. It receives about $95,000 a year."

HSPPR, by way of contrast, has an annual budget of about $7.6 million.

There are plenty of folks with "different mentalities" out there, but there are many more who might find happiness with a rescued animal. That thousands of adoptable dogs are euthanized every year in Colorado is a function of the market, not the fault of local shelters.

Shelter kills are largely determined by supply and demand. Commercial breeders supply millions of dogs every year, branded and marketed like so many cases of soft drinks. Saccharine TV commercials featuring puppies, Christmas trees and delighted children sentimentalize dog ownership, and create more customers for the puppy mills.

Recognizing this problem, HSPPR has successfully lobbied the county for a ban on the roadside sale of animals, many of which come from puppy mills.

Racism may be disappearing among humans, but "breedism" governs dog purchases. Seduced by the propaganda of dog breeders and the American Kennel Club, most buyers insist upon "purebred" dogs. Not only do they believe that breed characteristics are immutable — A vicious Labrador? A gentle pit bull? Impossible! — but they shy away from second-hand dogs, fearing that adult animals will have "problems."

And consider the language of breed classification. All dogs are not equal; purebreds are of a higher order. The rest are mutts, mongrels and mixed-breeds. Descended from dogs brought to the New World by **Hernando de Soto**, Catahoulas may be the oldest breed in America, but those dogs are too various in size, appearance, coat and color to be recognized by the AKC — so they're usually called "Catahoula curs."

Alysabeth Clements Mosley, a fierce and uncompromising advocate for throwaway canines, says that local governments in the Pikes Peak region can save thousands of dogs by passing ordinances that completely outlaw puppy mills and commercial dog sales.

Clements Mosley walks her talk. She and spouse **Dylan Mosley** have rescued four pit bulls.

Where, I ask, do they all sleep? "In our bed," she says cheerfully. So much for the myths about incurably vicious pit bulls, I guess.

I suspect that Christmas this year will be like Thanksgiving. We'll be home with the dogs who, unlike grandchildren, won't play loud music, sneak beers out of the refrigerator, control the TV remote, and expect complex electronic gifts.

Dudley and Daisy are just dogs — strange and beautiful creatures who have partnered with humans for tens of thousands of years. Given the chance, they protect us and love us. We need only give them one thing. Life.

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An endless string of holiday TV commercials, news broadcasts with up-to-the-second consumer-spending updates — batten down the hatches and fasten your seatbelts, the holidays are upon us.

Erik Senseney of *Denver* is an *electrical contractor*

If you could give an experience in lieu of a gift this holiday, what would it be? I'd introduce my friend Rene to Turk Wendell, the former [Major League baseball] pitcher. They're cousins and both of them grew up in western Massachusetts, but they've never met. They're peas in a pod, though. Both are avid hunters and outdoorsmen, and Rene is a park ranger.

What would you choose if you could get any gift you wanted? Getting a book published that I wrote about a best friend who died in 2002.

Name the most unusual gift you've received. My stepfather is an artist who makes watermarks for dollar bills. A little while back, Chuck Close — the pop-artist painter and photographer — had my father do a watermark of his face. Close subsequently gave me a copy for Christmas.

How about your all-time favorite gift? The wedding ring from my wife. When I was hospitalized for two months after getting run over by a car, she visited me every day, and I asked her to marry me.

Philip Krogmeier of *Monument* is a *library information services specialist*

What experience would you like to give someone? I recently got to the top of Pikes Peak for the first time. I'd share the experience of seeing Colorado Springs from that height with all my friends who haven't done that.

What's your best-ever gift? Spending a week last February on an aircraft carrier — the John C. Stennis — with my brother-in-law. I met him in Hawaii on his way back from tour and we sailed to San Diego together.

Name the best gift you've ever given. I gave one of my best friends a first-edition copy of *Mrs Dalloway*, by Virginia Woolf, one of her favorite authors.

What's your typical last-second gift? A gift certificate for books.

Cobie Scott of *Kettle Creek* is a *marketing and media director for a winery*

What's your holiday gift-buying strategy? I strive hard to buy something unique to each person's personality.

If you could receive any gift whatsoever this Christmas, what? Extra time with my grandparents, who passed away.

Name your all-time favorite gift. A surprise party for my 37th birthday. All my closest friends were there.

The best-ever gift you've given? A triathlon bike to my husband.

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NationalView

By Sara Mosle

What children should read

Malcolm Gladwell, author of *The Tipping Point* and a *New Yorker* staff writer, told me how he prepared, years ago, to write his first "Talk of the Town" story. "Talk" articles have a distinct style, and he wanted to make sure he got the voice straight in his head before he began writing. His approach was simple. He sat down and read 100 "Talk" pieces, one after the other.

The story nicely illustrates how careful reading can advance great writing. As a schoolteacher, I offer Gladwell's story to students struggling with expository writing as evidence that they need not labor alone. There are models out there — if only they'll read them!

By 2014, kids will learn more from nonfiction.

Gladwell's tale provides a good lesson for English teachers across the country as they begin to implement the Common Core State Standards, a set of national benchmarks, adopted by nearly every state including Colorado, for the skills public school students should master in language arts and mathematics.

The standards won't take effect until 2014, but many public school systems have begun adjusting their curriculums to satisfy the new mandates. Depending on your point of view, the now contentious guidelines prescribe a healthy — or lethal — dose of nonfiction.

For example, the Common Core dictates that by fourth grade, public school students devote half of their reading time in class to historical documents, scientific tracts, maps and other "informational texts" — like recipes and train schedules. Per the guidelines, 70 percent of the 12th grade curriculum will consist of nonfiction titles. Alarmed English teachers worry we're about to toss Shakespeare so students can study, in the words of one former educator, "memos, technical manuals and menus."

David Coleman, president of the College Board, who helped design and promote the Common Core, says English classes today focus too much on self-expression. "It is rare in a working environment," he's argued, "that someone says, 'Johnson, I need a market analysis by Friday but before that I need a compelling account of your childhood.'"

The 'smackdown'

This and similar comments have prompted the education researcher Diane Ravitch to ask, "Why does David Coleman dislike fiction?" and to question whether he's trying to eliminate English literature from the classroom. "I can't imagine a well-developed mind that has not read novels, poems and short stories," she writes.

Sandra Stotsky, a primary author of Massachusetts' state standards, challenges the assumption that nonfiction requires more rigor than a literary novel. One education columnist sums up the debate as a fiction-vs.-nonfiction "smackdown."

A striking assumption animates arguments on both sides, namely that nonfiction is seldom literary and certainly not literature. Even Coleman erects his case on largely dispiriting, utilitarian grounds: Nonfiction may help you win the corner office but won't necessarily nourish the soul.

As an English teacher and writer who traffics in factual prose, I'm with Coleman. In my experience, students need more exposure to nonfiction, less to help with reading skills, but as a model for their own essays and expository writing, what Gladwell sought by ingesting "Talk of the Town" stories.

I love fiction and poetry as much as the next former English major, and often despair over the quality of what passes for "informational texts," few of which amount to narrative much less literary narrative.

What schools need isn't more nonfiction but better nonfiction, especially that which provides good models for student writing. Most students could use greater familiarity with what newspaper, magazine and book editors call "narrative nonfiction": writing that tells a factual story, sometimes even a personal one, but also makes an argument and conveys information in vivid, effective ways.

Finding a bridge

What Tom Wolfe once said about New Journalism could be applied to most student writing. It benefits from intense reporting, immersion in a subject, imaginative scene setting, dialogue and telling details. These are the very skills most English teachers want students to develop. What's odd is how rarely such literary nonfiction appears on English — or other class — reading lists. In addition to a biology textbook, for example, why can't more high school students read *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*?

Narrative nonfiction also provides a bridge between the personal narratives students typically write in elementary school and the essays on external subjects that are more appropriate assignments in high school and beyond. Coleman may dismiss self-expression, yet he recommends authors, like the surgeon and medical writer Atul Gawande, who frequently rely on personal storytelling in their reporting.

Models of narrative nonfiction are everywhere, on programs like *This American Life* and *Radiolab*; in nonfiction books for young adults, like *Sugar Changed the World*, about slavery and science in the pursuit of the food additive; and even in graphic nonfiction works, like *Persepolis*, which tells the story of a young woman who grew up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution. Each has a personal angle that students can relate to but is also a genuinely enthralling narrative. Adult titles, like *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, already have young readers editions, and many adult general-interest works are appropriate for advanced high-school students.

Most readily, narrative nonfiction is available every day of the week in the dwindling outlets for long-form journalism. Students are a natural (and the future) audience for serious, in-depth reporting. Skilled practitioners can demonstrate the power of facts, and provide models — topic sentence by topic sentence — for compelling narrative.

There are anthologies of great literature and primary documents, but why not *30 for Under 20: Great Nonfiction Narratives*? Until such editions appear, teachers can find complex, literary works in collections like *The Best American Science and Nature Writing*, on many newspaper websites, which have begun providing online lesson plans using articles for younger readers, and on propublica.org. Last year, *The Atlantic* compiled examples of the year's best journalism, and The Daily Beast has its feature "Longreads." Longform.org not only has "best of" contemporary selections but also historical examples.

If students read 100 such articles over the course of a year, they may not become best-selling authors, but like Gladwell, they'll get the sound and feel of good writing in their heads. With luck, when they graduate, there will still be ranks of literary nonfiction authors left for them to join.

Sara Mosle is a contributing opinion writer for the* New York Times*, where this piece originally appeared.

LowDown

By Jim Hightower

Wrong way to save an airline

Hoo-boy, the startling revelation that American Airlines has had some of its passenger seats come loose during flights gives new meaning to the phrase "flying by the seat of your pants."

But that's what the top bosses of this once-proud airline have been doing for months as they continue to downsize its skilled workforce, outsource essential jobs, and generally demoralize the people who make an airline successful. Having plunged the corporation into bankruptcy last year, the geniuses in American's executive suite decided that the way to fix the airline's financial mess and restore public confidence in its service was to force more cuts on the employees who provide the services.

Thus, in February, it was decreed that maintenance crews in Fort Worth and Tulsa would be slashed and more than a third of their jobs would be outsourced. Tom Horton, American's genius-in-chief, blithely declared that airplanes "can be maintained in Asia or Latin America — anywhere." True — but not necessarily well-maintained.

He can't climb out of bankruptcy by stepping on the line employees.

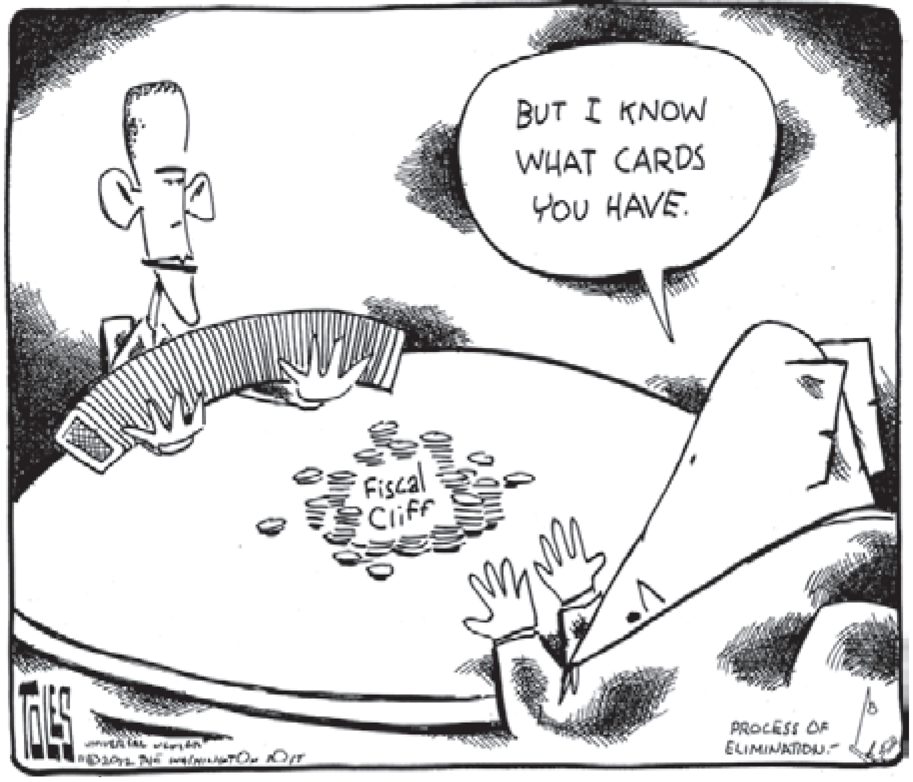
In September, when the seats started coming loose, the brass callously drove company morale further down by implying that American's maintenance crews, who are members of the Transport Workers Union, were the culprits.

But TWU fired right back, pointing out that maintenance of two lines of 757s, including seats, had been outsourced to a non-union, low-wage corporation where employees don't get expert union training or regular on-site reviews by federal safety inspectors.

As a frequent flier on American, I have a personal interest in this fight. I want CEO Horton to come to his senses and recognize that he can't climb out of bankruptcy by stepping on the line employees he has to count on to make the flying experience pleasant and safe.

Cut the corporate hierarchy — not the people we customers actually trust to deliver a good product.

Jim Hightower is the best-selling author of **Swim Against the Current: Even a Dead Fish Can Go With the Flow,** *on sale now from Wiley Publishing. For more information, visit jimhightower.com.*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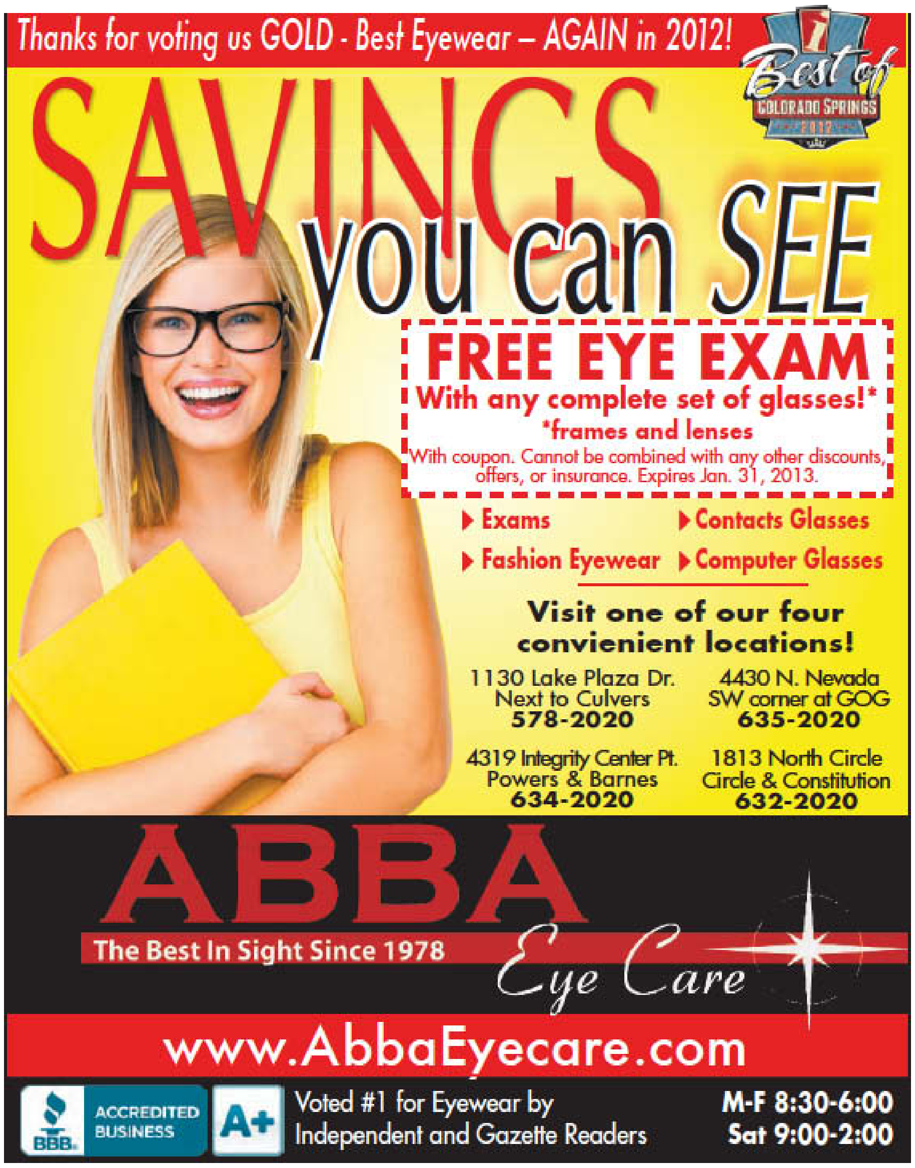
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Between the Lines

By Ralph Routon

Let's do it: America's Olympic City

Once upon a time, actually through much of the 1980s, Colorado Springs claimed a noteworthy — though unwieldy — title.

It was "Amateur sports capital of the United States," meaningful because Indianapolis coveted the same status and wanted the U.S. Olympic Committee to move its headquarters there. In fact, several governing bodies (most notably track and field, gymnastics, diving and synchronized swimming) have their offices in that city, which has hosted many national and world championships, even the Pan American Games.

But back then, the USOC's loyalty to the Springs was unwavering — our city stepped in during tough times for the organization. Led by The Broadmoor's **William Thayer Tutt** and El Pomar Foundation's **Bill Hybl**, Colorado Springs enticed the USOC to move, opening the Olympic Training Center in 1977 and relocating Olympic House from New York the next summer.

Undaunted, Indianapolis lured the NCAA to move its base there from Overland Park, Kan. Eventually the competition faded, though one still finds online references to Indianapolis as "Amateur sports capital of the world."

Recently, the USOC gave Colorado Springs some use of its logo and name in the agreement to move its offices downtown and remain another 30 years. But nothing has stuck.

> **Easy to understand, hard for anyone to challenge.**

Mike Moran, USOC media chief and spokesman for nearly a quarter-century (1978-2002), continues as the city's top vocal ambassador in the sports world. Along the way, he and I have pushed for a more specific title.

America's Olympic City. Easy to understand, hard for anyone to challenge.

"I do think it's time that we qualify to call ourselves America's Olympic City," Moran says, "if the USOC doesn't object to the terminology and it is in accordance with agreed-upon standards between the city and the USOC."

This didn't just pop up lately. Here's an excerpt from the Between the Lines column of Oct. 11, 2007:

"It's vitally important for all of Colorado Springs — not just the city government — to pull together now like never before. The goal is simple: Deliver a vision and a strategy that will clearly define us as America's Olympic City for generations to come. Then, turn that vision into reality."

Moran has used the term much more, including as emcee at public events, and says he has "not received any pushback from the USOC. But there would be room for abuse by commercial entities if it were not limited to promotional purposes for the city itself."

The idea is picking up momentum. There's even a growing Facebook page backing the effort. But will it go anywhere? It certainly can.

Patrick Sandusky, now the USOC spokesman and head of communications, says the door is open. *Wide* open.

"The city does have the rights to the rings, imagery and/or designated phrases, with our approval," Sandusky says. "We would welcome and embrace working with them on something like that, just as our marketing department already has worked with them in various ways. It'll certainly be fine if they want to take it further."

Why not? We're hearing more about quiet progress toward an ambitious Olympic Hall of Fame museum downtown, reviving the idea that advanced as far as groundbreaking in 1986 before economic troubles intervened. The concept still makes sense, as does the idea here ("Finding a new role model," June 9, 2011) to put life-size statues of Olympic heroes on street corners downtown.

But it all starts with America's Olympic City. Needless to say, it has to be handled delicately and positively. As Moran adds, "What can't take place is wholesale use of the term by businesses wanting to benefit from the terminology with no relationship to the USOC or the city."

So if Mayor **Steve Bach** likes the idea, and USOC marketing folks as well as CEO **Scott Blackmun** have no issues, this could happen soon.

"The time, if there ever is to be one, is now," says Moran. "We have a new era here between the city and the USOC that is just beginning, and the permission to call ourselves America's Olympic City would be a great step. There's economic impact to be gained, reputation to be enhanced, and pride on the part of our residents to be unleashed."

Well said, Mike and Patrick. Now, let's hope for the best.

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Electoral outliers

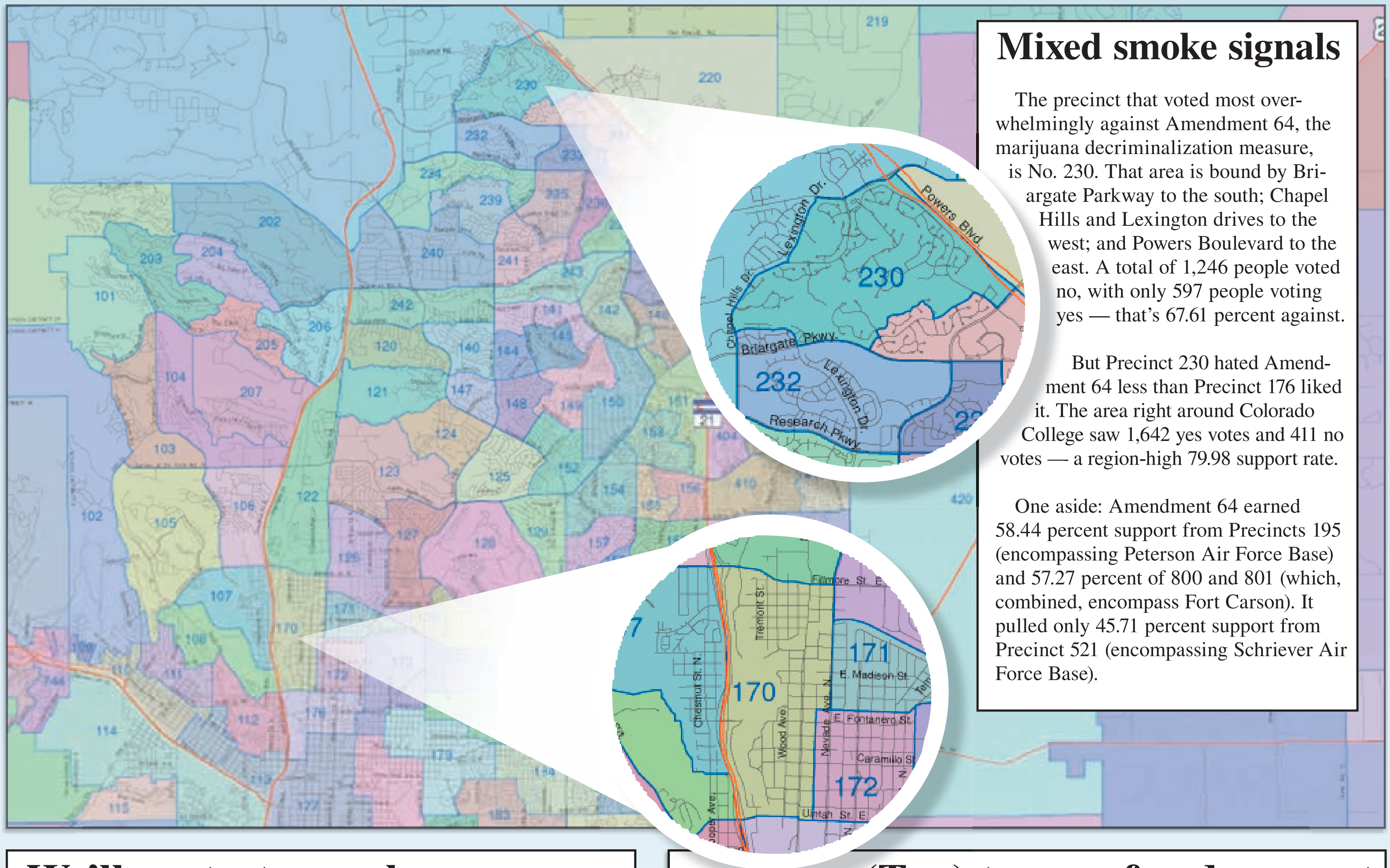
When it came to casting votes this year, all of El Paso County hardly went by the numbers

By *Indy* staff

When the final totals from the Nov. 6 election were released last week, perhaps you heard that El Paso County voters sided with Colorado at large by approving marijuana decriminalization — by 10 votes, or .0035 percent of the 283,382 votes cast.

Numbers like these can be fascinating, and they become even more so when you dig down to the precinct level. In a 105-page document available at car.elpasoco.com, County Clerk and Recorder Wayne Williams and his crew lay out how each of the county's 199 precincts voted on every issue in the 2012 election.

Here's a little of what we found notable right off the bat.



Mixed smoke signals

The precinct that voted most overwhelmingly against Amendment 64, the marijuana decriminalization measure, is No. 230. That area is bound by Briargate Parkway to the south; Chapel Hills and Lexington drives to the west; and Powers Boulevard to the east. A total of 1,246 people voted no, with only 597 people voting yes — that's 67.61 percent against.

But Precinct 230 hated Amendment 64 less than Precinct 176 liked it. The area right around Colorado College saw 1,642 yes votes and 411 no votes — a region-high 79.98 support rate.

One aside: Amendment 64 earned 58.44 percent support from Precincts 195 (encompassing Peterson Air Force Base) and 57.27 percent of 800 and 801 (which, combined, encompass Fort Carson). It pulled only 45.71 percent support from Precinct 521 (encompassing Schriever Air Force Base).

We'll protect ourselves

Only two precincts voted against County Question 1A, Sheriff Terry Maketa's measure to create a .0023 percent sales tax for eight years to fund "urgent public safety needs."

- In Precinct 453, 561 voted for the tax, and 567 against.
- In Precinct 500, 134 voted for the tax, and 143 against.

Interestingly, both precincts are well to the east of Colorado Springs city limits, and therefore would arguably benefit from an increased sheriff's presence. One other common characteristic: Both supported extension of the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority tax. In fact, that measure passed in every precinct.

(Two) terms of endearment

All precincts wanted county commissioners and assorted other officials to be booted after two terms. In fact, those who voted "yes" (for a reduction from three terms) numbered at least 59 percent in every precinct, except:

- In Precinct 502, 359 people voted "yes" and 259 "no" — 58.09 percent to 41.91 percent.
- In Precinct 524, 630 people voted "yes" and 454 "no" — 58.12 percent to 41.88 percent.
- In Precinct 554, 57 people voted "yes" and 44 "no" — 56.44 percent to 43.56 percent.

All three precincts sit in the eastern part of the county and are represented by Commission Chair Amy Lathen, who was running for her second term. Of all five commission districts, Sallie Clark's District 3 voted most overwhelmingly — about 66 percent — to return to two terms. But voters in Clark's district simultaneously sent her to a third term, anyway, as did District 4's voters with Dennis Hisey.

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News briefs from the Front Range

No motors on Captain Jack's

Trails in the Bear Creek watershed, including the popular Captain Jack's trail, will soon close to motorcycles and off-road vehicles.

The move is a result of a legal settlement between the U.S. Forest Service, which owns much of the area's land, and the Center for Biological Diversity, which sued in order to force the closures.

Bear Creek was found to be the last home of the threatened greenback cutthroat trout ("Fifty shades of green," cover story, Oct. 3), and the area has long been a source of controversy between recreationalists and environmentalists, both of whom have sought to help the fish. Motorcyclists have spent volunteer time and money doing mitigation work, and the Forest Service and Colorado Springs Utilities were satisfied with the continued efforts. But the Center alleged the work fell short of what was needed.

"I think the Forest [Service] understands that closure of these trails are necessary even with the lawsuit aside," Center Attorney Tim Ream tells the *Independent*. "… I do think they were close to making this decision before the lawsuit was ever filed."

The ban goes in place no later than 10 days after the entry of judgment, which happens at the judge's discretion but is expected soon. Portions of trails owned by Utilities technically aren't included in the ban but will also be closed, with access points cut off.

Ned Suesse, trail coordinator for the Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association, which has advocated keeping the trails open, could not immediately be reached for comment. The Forest Service plans to conduct an environmental study to determine best uses in the future. — ***JAS***

Steep opt-out for smart meters

Don't like the idea of Colorado Springs Utilities reading your meters remotely? You can opt out under a measure that was expected to win approval of City Council on Tuesday. But you'll pay dearly.

Besides privacy concerns, activists worldwide have rallied around worries that so-called "smart meters" expose citizens to potentially dangerous radiation. Utilities' new rule would impose a one-time $109 charge to have your smart meter removed, and a $20 monthly charge to have a Utilities worker read your meters.

Also Tuesday, Utilities was to propose rate increases in natural gas, electric and water service, essentially offset by reductions in fuel cost adjustments for gas and electric beginning in January. Bottom line: Typical residential customers will see their bills increase by $1 a month next year, if Council approves the changes. — ***PZ***

Westside deal lives on

The city and Westside Community Center LLC, a charity with ties to Woodmen Valley Chapel, have renewed their 2010 partnership agreement. The nonprofit will continue running the center, at 1628 W. Bijou St., through at least December 2015. Since taking over the center during city budget cuts, the LLC has made improvements to the building and added programming. An average of 8,000 people participate in Westside programs every month.

"Thousands of our citizens are benefitting from the wide range of opportunities provided by our partner organization," Karen Palus, director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, stated in a press release.

Under the new contract, which goes into effect Jan. 1, the city is not obligated to subsidize Westside beyond maintenance. In past years, however, the city has issued an annual subsidy to Westside, and the 2013 budget recommends $75,000 for Westside's operations — still far less than needed for the city's other three centers. — ***JAS***

Park water in dispute

To keep the parks green despite a budget shortfall for irrigation costs, a majority of City Council members want to dip into the city's reserve fund for $545,000. But Mayor Steve Bach is asking for city-owned Colorado Springs Utilities to eat the money. If Bach vetoes the budget based on Council's desire to pull the money from reserves, the Council will need six votes to override the veto.

Already, Utilities has taken several steps to reduce the cost of watering parks. "In 2010, we implemented a conservation rate program, which has saved the parks more than $2 million in water irrigation since that time," says Utilities spokesman Dave Grossman.

In addition, Utilities has been rehabilitating timers, sprinklers and other equipment to make park irrigation systems more efficient, according to Grossman. Those steps have reduced the city's usage by 48 million gallons each of the last two years, resulting in a cost reduction of $358,000, he says

Thirdly, Grossman says, Utilities gives the city half of the premium charged for short-term water contracts to outsiders, such as Donala Water and Sanitation District and Cherokee Metropolitan District, which has yielded the city roughly $500,000 annually.

If Bach wins out, Utilities' ratepayers will essentially be called upon to subsidize parks irrigation. But Councilor Angela Dougan was quoted in the *Gazette* as saying that Councilors, sitting as the Utilities Board, should be able to find the money "in a matter of hours." — ***PZ***

Compiled by J. Adrian Stanley and Pam Zubeck.

Ambulance dance continues

Pam Zubeck

Seeking to diffuse "angst" among the city, county and the county's emergency ambulance contractor, the Colorado Springs Fire Department is applying for permission to license two squad vehicles for patient transport.

The vehicles, one based at Station 7 at Palmer Park and Academy boulevards and the other at fire headquarters on Printer's Parkway, currently respond to calls throughout the city but focus on the southeast. Battalion Chief Keith Buckmiller says they transport patients to hospitals when American Medical Response has no ambulances available. ESA records show nine instances from Jan. 1 through Oct. 31 when AMR got caught short of ambulances while a call was pending.

The city hasn't been licensed for patient transport, however. And even though she doesn't know of any potential liability for transporting patients without licenses, that's frustrated Sallie Clark, an El Paso County commissioner and member of the Emergency Services Agency, which oversees the AMR contract. "We knew the city was utilizing these vehicles [for transport]," she says, "and they're not inspected and necessarily up to par in terms of what everyone else was expected to do."

Buckmiller says because the Springs is a home-rule city, it's never actually been required to obtain licensing through the county. Regardless, the applications are now in, with county commissioners scheduled to consider them Tuesday.

Still, not all the angst is likely to disappear.

Clark says having these vehicles licensed could serve as a pilot program for the city taking over transport ("Ambulance rush," News, Oct. 10). The city is seeking up to $2.4 million from AMR to continue operating in the city. If the city were to elbow AMR out, the county would be hard-pressed to attract an emergency provider for its low-volume rural areas.

Buckmiller denies any connection between squad licensing and the $2.4 million, saying it makes financial sense to run squads rather than fire engines, which cost about $380,000 to replace, compared to $150,000 per squad vehicle. He adds that fire officials are drafting a contract with AMR, which must be approved by the ESA board, probably at its January meeting.

— Pam Zubeck

Bargain hunting

While holding tight to some key causes, Democrats look for ways to govern for the long haul

By Chet Hardin

"The world has changed a little, obviously, in a year," says state Senate President John Morse.

File photo

Senate President John Morse figures that a civil unions bill will reappear in 2013.

It has, in fact, changed overnight. On the evening of Nov. 6, not only did Colorado Democrats maintain their five-seat majority in the Senate, they also flipped control of the state House of Representatives. House Republicans, who stymied Democratic bills during the past two sessions with a 33-32 advantage, could only look on as their opponents won the right to decide which bills move forward in 2013, now with 37 House seats to the GOP's 28.

Backers of civil unions legislation and the ASSET Bill, which would reduce tuition costs for undocumented Colorado college kids, immediately grew hopeful. And Morse, who by moving up from Senate majority leader now fully controls that chamber's agenda, says those measures indeed are likely to return after the session kicks off Jan. 9.

But the Colorado Springs-area legislator says the Capitol won't be a Democratic playground under his watch. Instead, he says, his party will focus on identifying long-term solutions to issues related to education, environment, health care, civil rights, and jobs and financial security.

"We are going to try to figure out big solutions instead of small bills," he says, adding that the question will be: "Are there grand bargains that we can put together now?"

Republican partners

These bargains, says Morse, most likely will be struck with Republicans — but not necessarily the ones sitting in the Legislature. "Frankly, the elected Republicans are pretty ideological," he says, "but the real-world Republicans are not."

As an example, he points to folks from the oil and gas industry, who usually vote GOP, and who believe there's much business to be done in Colorado. Morse foresees that determining "setbacks," or the distances that drilling rigs must be from residential areas, will be a big deal this session. And there, he sees fodder for negotiation: "We can deal with the minutiae of that, or we can come up with a grander bargain that says, 'Let's talk more about climate change, and how we can increase the demand for natural gas.'"

If Dems can help the push for cleaner-burning natural gas — which, obviously, the drilling industry wants — over coal, while pushing for 1,000-foot setbacks, Morse says, everyone can win. "Whereas, if we aren't going to do anything for demand *and* we want a thousand-foot setback," he says, "then it's going to be World War Three."

In public education, Morse says Democrats will solicit ideas and expertise from educators and business leaders. "Right now," he says, "our outcomes on education are bad. They need to be better. And some of that is that we are not investing enough money, and some of that is that we are not investing on the right things."

> **'We have to explain exactly what we are doing, and how.'**

That in mind, Springs Rep. Mark Waller, a Republican who will serve as House minority leader, already anticipates that Democrats may put a tax increase question on the ballot. Morse agrees that this is a possibility; after all, Colorado's K-through-12 funding is "still a billion dollars behind where we were four years ago."

If the situation comes to that, Morse says, he and his colleagues will not shrink in the face of Republican rhetoric; they will explain exactly why schools need the money, and how government will spend and track it.

"People understand the Republican mantra that you can never raise taxes is blatantly false; it's always been blatantly false, but the public is now catching up and realizing that we got to do something," he says. "But the Democrats are realizing that we have to explain exactly what we are doing, and how, that people can buy into."

Revisiting bills

Last year, Democratic Rep. Pete Lee, who represents House District 18, put forward a Hire Colorado bill that would grant preference to Colorado-based employers. It was one of the cornerstones of the Democrats' economic package, but it died in committee. Lee expects to see it return.

"I'm not sure what form it is going to take," he says, "but it definitely will be the centerpiece of our economic recovery program."

However, Waller cautions: "The Democrats are in a kind of tricky situation. They know that the focus moving forward still needs to remain on jobs and the economy. And I think that Pete Lee's [Hire Colorado] bill is the perfect example of that. He ran that bill last year, and he didn't have any support from the business community. ... I think that to call something a jobs bill doesn't necessarily mean that it is."

Waller points out that the last time the Democrats controlled both chambers of the Legislature, they enacted what Republicans coined the "Dirty Dozen," bills that increased state revenues.

"And just like we had a five-seat swing this time, we had a six-seat swing last time," he says. "I certainly don't think that they have a mandate moving forward, by any stretch."

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Red Rock blues

Friends group and city work together to restore an open space's signature pond

By Rhonda Van Pelt

The ponds at Red Rock Canyon were a refuge for waterfowl, which raised their ducklings and goslings in the shadows of the sandstone formations.

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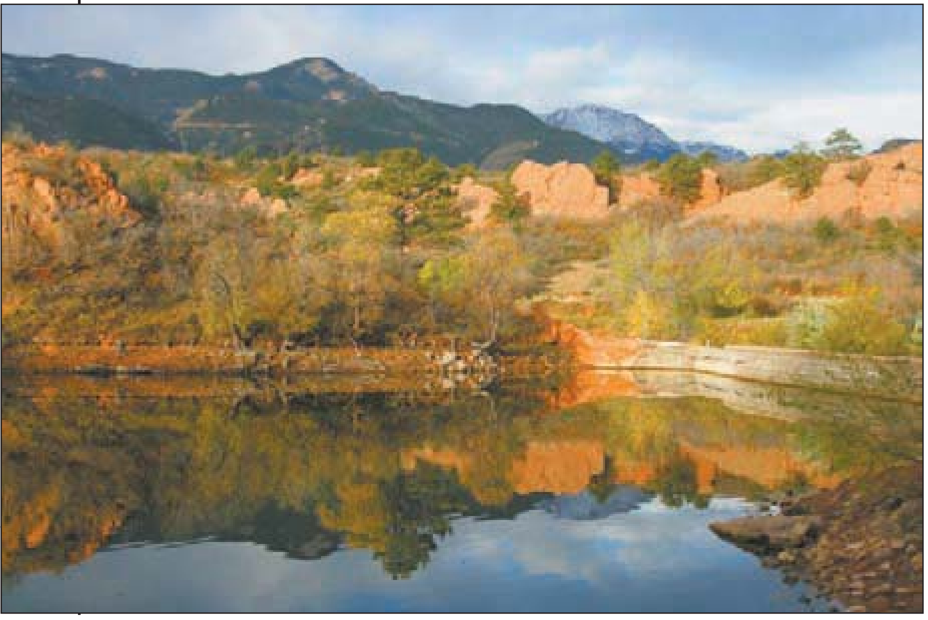

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As recently as a few years ago, beauty reigned at the west side landmark.

Now the hikers, bikers, photographers, equestrians — even the dogs — go by without looking at the parched, sunken remnants of the once-vibrant habitat. The waterfowl have headed elsewhere, in search of water.

Fortunately, the open space has passionate stewards: the 400-plus members of the Friends of Red Rock Canyon group.

Coming up dry

Karl Klepfer and Christopher Jones are two of the canyon's best friends. They nurture that relationship through frequent visits to the 789-acre space south of U.S. Highway 24, between South 31st Street and the Crystal Hills neighborhood.

"When you first come here, how can you not be in awe? That doesn't ever leave," says Klepfer, FORRC president. "Just when you think you've seen it all, then you ride your bike or you hike someplace that you hadn't seen."

The group is raising money to revive the upper, southernmost pond, just southwest of the pavilion built from stone recycled from the old house that stood there.

From 1970 to 1986, a 62-acre dump and landfill were located near the southeast edge of the space. Water flowed from there into the ponds until, in 2007, the city sealed the area amid concerns about contamination. The area was covered with soil, and water flow slowed significantly over the years. The region's longtime drought has worsened the situation.

"It went from not being fed much to not being fed anything," says Jones, FORRC communications director. "The water levels have been negative the last two years."

Klepfer adds: "There are lots of reasons to provide water up here. If nothing more, to have a water source to fight a fire." Also, with little water between Fountain and Bear creeks, he worries that deer and other wildlife have to cross the highway, increasing danger for animals and humans alike.

But saving the pond won't be cheap.

"The total, one-time cost is between $150,000 and $175,000," Klepfer says. "That's a large chunk of charitable donations to go after. If we were totally responsible for that, it would take a long time."

According to Chris Lieber, Trails and Open Space program manager, the city has not yet determined the amount it will contribute. Those funds likely will come from TOPS, the dedicated funding source for parks, trails and open space. Mayor Steve Bach supports the project.

"Once we obtain the necessary permits and raise the capital funding, we would like to target late fall of 2013 for construction," Lieber says. This will minimize the impact on visitors during the warmer months.

The northernmost dam will be knocked down, and the southern one will be repaired. Mud and undergrowth will be scraped out, the "bowl" lined to prevent leakage, and soil added for vegetation along the banks. The city will pay Colorado Springs Utilities $2,000 annually to keep clean water flowing into the pond, possibly from a to-be constructed water service line from Highway 24.

Lieber says the city is providing funds and expertise for the engineering plans and will work with private contractors for the construction. The planning process is summed up in a document that stands at 269 pages and is nearing consideration by the Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

"There are all kinds of roadblocks that could be put up," Klepfer says, "but in my opinion, the city is trying to alleviate the roadblocks."

Built on a whim

For millennia, this area was a crossroads for dinosaurs, which left their imprints in the rocks, and American Indians, who sought refuge in the canyons. In the 19th century, quarry operations cut into the huge north-south ridges, mining the 240-million-year-old stone for buildings from Colorado College to Texas.

John G. Bock began the 20-year process of purchasing the land in the 1920s, and the family built a house and a garage/bomb shelter in the 1960s. Sometime that decade, a friend of Bock's did a painting of the house and used his artistic license to add a lake.

Bock loved the idea, and had his hired hands build the dams with no engineering input.

"But the dam inspector said, because of all the soil behind it, that gives them enough confidence that it's not going anywhere," Klepfer says.

At one time, a trailer park and billboards hid Red Rock Canyon's beauty, and portions faced development for condos or a golf resort. In a triumph of open-space advocates over developers, the city purchased it from Bock's heir in 2003, using TOPS funds.

FORRC will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2013, and Klepfer and Jones can't think of a better gift than restoring the pond so that generations to come can enjoy its beauty.

"What's fun to do is just walk around here and look at the people," Jones says. "You look at their faces and they're all having a good time. It's a feel-good place."

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So: It is without great intelligence, thoroughness and judiciousness that we present our 2012 Gift Guide.

In short, 11 of us recently scattered around this area to find some gift ideas that might jump-start your holiday shopping. We focused overwhelmingly on locally owned businesses, places where the money you spend will tend to be reinvested in the community. And we tried to identify items that represent three price ranges: approximately under $25; from $25 to $75; and $75-plus.

What follows are our findings, imperfect as they are. If you have other recommendations, please feel free to comment on this story at csindy.com.

Thanks, and happy shopping.

Old Colorado City

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Celebration Metaphysical Center

Choosing just three gifts from just three stores in Old Colorado City is like trying to pick the best chocolate from the biggest box of Godiva you can imagine. That said, I went for variety this year.

Stop 1 is **Celebration Metaphysical Center** (2209 W. Colorado Ave., celebrationstore.com), home of the Steampunk Tarot ($28.95). Released in May by holistic and metaphysical stalwart Llewellyn, the set was created by tarot expert Barbara Moore and artist Aly Fell, and includes a nearly 300-page manual and cards with all the cogs and cups you'd expect to come out of an alt-Victorian-era-theme. Of course, tarot's not the only thing to be found at Celebration — the shelves hold all sorts of inexpensive curiosities, from crystal necklaces to Louise L. Hay's self-help books.

Stop 2 is for the canine in your clan. At **Republic of Paws** (2411 W. Colorado Ave., republicofpaws.com), the Chilly Dog sweaters ($29.99 to $36.99, cost varies by size) are the hottest thing going right now. Hand-knit in bright holiday stripes or with fun-loving monkey faces, these sweaters will keep your pup warm and stylish. Also, collars and leashes (I recommend the Colorado-made Walk-e-Woo brand, $43 to $52 a set) make perfect stocking stuffers, as do bags of all-natural treats (for dogs and cats) and the rumored-to-be-indestructible goDog brand stuffed dragons and dinos.

And the final stop is **Earthen Artisan House** (2611 W. Colorado Ave., earthenartisanhouse.com). When I entered this store, it felt like a local Pottery Barn, but it's actually so much more. Area artists show and sell their works here — such as Nadine Sage and her 18th- and 19th-century paper collé and oil originals ($200 to $525, prices vary by size) or the less expensive belt buckles ($50). And there are surprises hidden in every nook and cranny, from fascinating antiques to cozy throws to the super-seductive Denver-produced TokyoMilk perfume. ***— Kirsten Akens***

Northern Colorado Springs

Fermentations

The Shops at Briargate and Chapel Hills Mall beckon if you're looking primarily for convenience. Then there are all the options along Academy Boulevard. But my advice would be to drive around a while.

At **Café Velo** (11550 Ridgeline Drive, #102, cafevelobikes.com), the *Feed Zone Cookbook: Fast and Flavorful Food for Athletes* costs $24.95. Within this guide to fueling a busy bod are more than 160 recipes that allegedly are simple to make, delicious, and sure to keep you running. The Cinnamon Almond Pancakes look amazing, and they're gluten-free and much lower in carbs than traditional pancakes.

If you've got a bit more cash to spend, consider buying someone a 30-minute Exfoli-Sea Salt Glow for $45 at the **Therapy Cottage** (7560 Rangewood Drive, #130, therapycottage.com). Micronized buffing beads, a loofa and apricot powder make skin shiny and very receptive to a rich body butter that offers vital nutrients and leaves you looking like a god(dess).

Finally for a high-level gift, I suggest The Winemaking Experience at **Fermentations** (6820 N. Academy Blvd., fermentations.biz) — great for anyone who wants to learn the basics of winemaking, or who just wants to walk away from eight weeks of class with about 30 bottles of wine. The course is split into five steps: primary fermentation, secondary fermentation, addition of clarifiers, racking the wine, and finally bottling, corking and labeling. For $85 plus the cost of the wine kit, you get the use of Fermentations' equipment and guidance, the bottles, corks, labels that you create and personalize, and shrink capsules to complement your label colors. ***— Kiki Lenihan***

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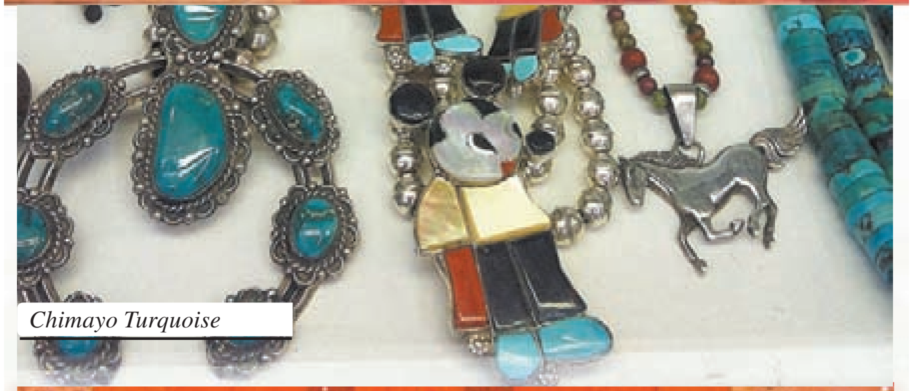
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Up the Pass

Look out for the lime green façade of **Pikes Peak Gourmet Popcorn Company** (7935 W. U.S. Hwy. 24, Cascade, pikespeakpopcorn.com), which started in Kansas in 1925 and relocated in the early '90s. The store rotates more than 80 flavors seasonally — among them Dill Pickle, Piña Colada and Almond Pecan Crunch — leading to recognition as "the Jelly Belly of popcorn."

Try filling up one of the large holiday tins (ranging from $20 to $76) with flavor combinations of your choice. New this season is "Wildfire," a spicy, red variety created in homage to this summer's unfortunate happenings. They'll even mix it fresh when you get there.

Continuing up the pass, in Woodland Park you'll find **The Picket Fence** (723 Gold Hill Place, Woodland Park, 687-2860), a gift shop specializing in handmade items from more than 20 Colorado craftspeople. "It's a unique mixture of things," says owner Claire Shaw, who opened the store 8½ years ago. Between the pottery, candles, woodwork, signs and other trinkets, it's a great place for stocking stuffers. The homemade soaps from SunFire, at $4.50 each and $8 for two, are a steal: I like "Rose in the Snow" best, and they are cutely wrapped.

Across the street, check out **Chimayo Turquoise** (414 W. Midland Ave., 687-1424) for authentic Indian jewelry. For 34 years, owner Dan Vigil has gone to Indian reservations to buy direct. His cases are filled with rings, cuffs, bracelets and necklaces, but as alluring as the items are the stories behind them.

For instance, consider his $700 Mickey Mouse necklace. Vigil explains why it's so rare: Cartoon characters like Donald Duck and other Disney icons emerged in Indian jewelry in the '70s, but once Disney confronted the jewelry makers with copyright laws, they all but disappeared. **— *Celine Wright***

Tri-Lakes Area

Bella Casa

If you're looking for some inexpensive bling and want to help humanity at the same time, drop by the **Prickly Pear** (135 Second St., Monument, 531-7418) and see owner Carolyn Mangold's selection of Enchanted Imports beadwork. EI buys glass beads from the Czech Republic, where beads have been manufactured since the 16th century, then takes them to Guatemala, where artisans in the highlands craft the beads into bracelets, necklaces, coin purses and the like — under principles of fair trade. A red necklace caught my eye instantly ($9.50), and there's a variety of bracelets ($10 to $20) that fasten with magnetic closures.

At **Finders Keepers** (91 State Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake, 487-8020), owner Peggy Rima offers everything from locally made cinnamon honey to sterling silver jewelry. Her current favorite piece of the latter is a "bodacious" green necklace ($58) made with copper wire and various types of beads. The set includes earrings. I sprang for a jazzy rhinestone ring ($15) she thought was so yesterday.

A third establishment worth a look is **Bella Casa** (155 Second St., Monument, bellacasamonument.com), run by Linda Gerard. If you like fur but not the slaughter of animals, check out the faux mink throw ($295). Into collecting? Don't miss the wall in the back of the store where a generous selection of Sid Dickens memory blocks ($84) are found. These hand-crafted wall plaques take five people three weeks to make, and after the styles are discontinued, they appreciate in price quite nicely; Gerard says some sell on the Internet for up to $750 each. **— *Pam Zubeck***

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Springside Cheese Shop

Pueblo

Finally: The answer to "Where can I buy cheese curds?" (Outside of Tony's bar. Retail, I mean.)

And that answer is year-old **Springside Cheese Shop** (517 W. Fifth St., springsidecheese.com) an extension of an award-winning Oconto Falls, Wis.-based business brought to the Steel City by Keith Hintz. Hintz's father is the 40-year veteran cheesemaker who currently trucks Pantaleo Farms' green chilies from Colorado to Wisconsin, where he makes a superb Monterey Jack that he ships back west.

That item should be part of any size gift basket of cheese, like a sample one I create with Hintz's help for $25. It includes both the aforementioned curds and Pantaleo Green cheese, plus an olive cheddar, a one-year aged cheddar and a Longhorn Colby cheese. All of Springside's cheeses come from rBGH-free milk sourced from 16 small Wisconsin farms, and it also sells a nice variety of Colorado-made cheeses and some European imports.

The store's layout and feel is reminiscent of a winery's tasting room, and indeed sampling is encouraged. Make it the first stop on a Pueblo gift-buying circuit so you'll have sustenance and snacks for the road, which next leads you to the heart of downtown and **LastLeaf Custom Print & Design** (213 S. Union Ave., lastleafprinting.com).

If you visited famed rock poster artist Jermaine Rogers' Dero 72 Studios & Gallery when it was open in Manitou Springs, then two-year-old LastLeaf will feel familiar, as it's the creative hub for 28-year-old up-and-coming graphic designer and custom illustrator Mathias Valdez. Pueblo-born and -raised, Valdez produces gorgeous silkscreen prints for the likes of national acts like Grace Potter and the Nocturnals, Andrew Bird, The Fray and Lucero, as well as local bands like The Haunted Windchimes (member Inaiah Lujan assists at the shop), the Charlie Milo Trio and Grant Sabin.

All posters are numbered and limited, and therefore highly collectable. The yellow variant of "The Bear" art print to which I'm drawn ($30), limited to 20 copies and also bearing 15 blue variants, was originally created for the *Fairy Tale Origins: The Art of Interpretation* Sangre de Cristo exhibit. Though this one may be sold out by the time you shop, a wide variety of other posters are on display.

And on that note, if you're the type who prefers one-of-a-kind artwork, you're better off heading up the street to **Cup & Bowl Ceramic Art Studio and Gallery** (116 Midway Ave., cupandbowl.org), which is perhaps best likened to another Manitou Springs art gallery (this one still quite alive), Commonwheel Artists Co-op.

Cup & Bowl doesn't have quite as large a display space — really it's just a room in a converted house now rented as studio space — but shelves teem with plates, vases, cups and other unique pieces. Co-owner and contributing artist Linda Cates provides a quick tour and assists with an examination of a captivating sculpture by member artist Rick Morris. The rusty bronze-hued work ($125), like all of Morris', is untitled, but depicts one globulous head with multiple faces as a base to a partial bust of a man gazing skyward. Again, should this one be sold prior to your visit, plenty of alluring gift options await you. — ***Matthew Schniper***

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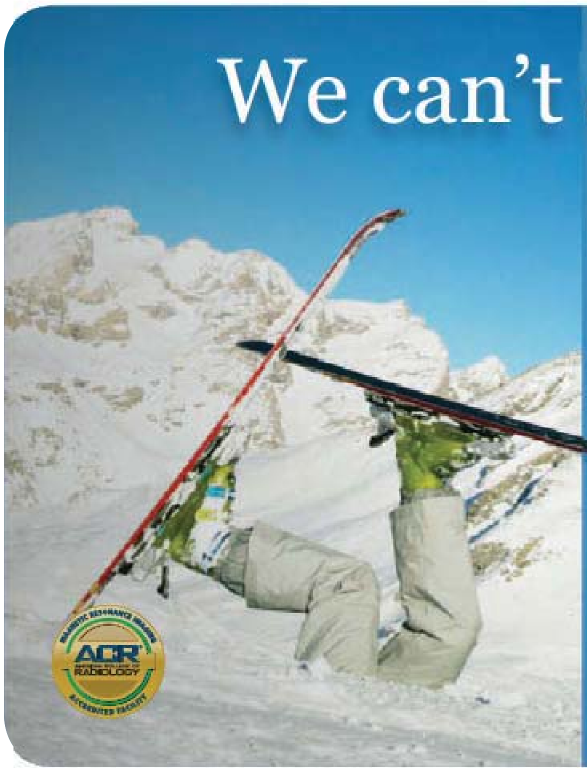

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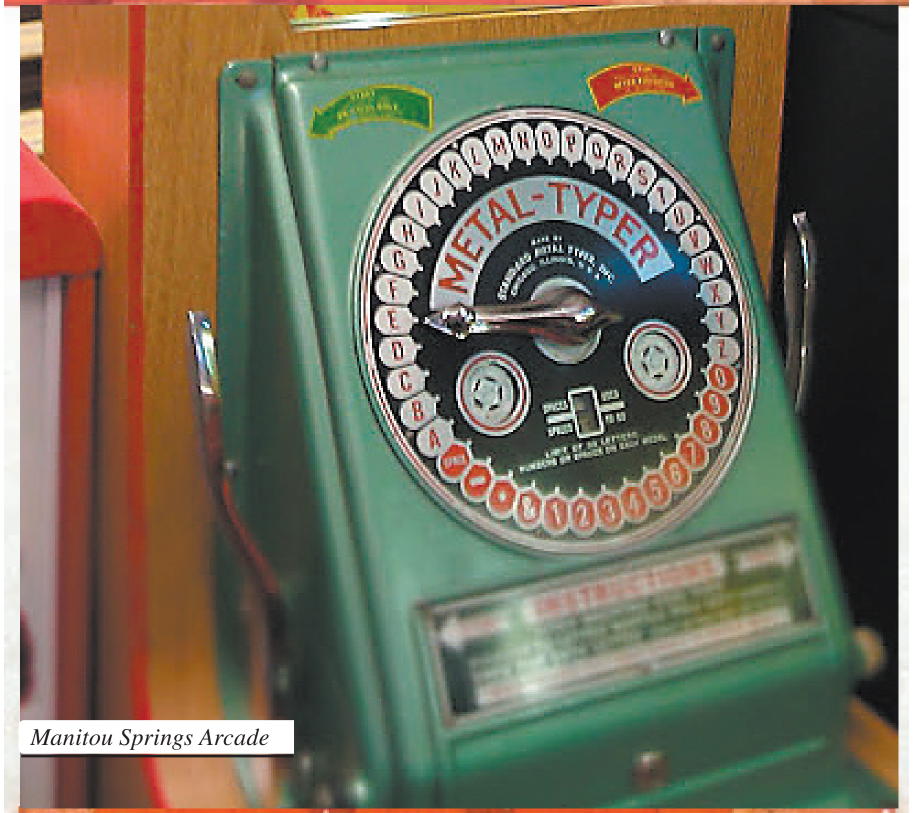

Manitou Springs Arcade

Manitou Springs

It should be no surprise to find an online subculture around Metal Typers, but it still kind of is. These machines, mostly wooden, can stamp up to 32 characters on small, sheriff's-badge-looking tokens that feel not quite like metal and not quite like plastic; not exactly the sexiest game in town.

But someone writing at mattsdadtom.wordpress.com explains: "These super fantastic machines were found from the 1940s until the late 1980s in amusement parks and on boardwalks. You would drop your money in the slot and turn the handle on the front on the machine to the desired letters or number to make your very own stamped token."

And the cost to manipulate that mean, green front that looks like a combination clock and rotary telephone? One dollar, if you do it at the **Manitou Springs Arcade** (900 Manitou Ave., 685-9815). Sure, you can buy the whole shebang on eBay for $99, but rolling into the Skee-ball room and squeezing past kids clutching tickets and teens clutching each other, all to make a text-based memory, is something better not tried at home.

For that we turn, as with almost everything kitchen-related, to the Germans — specifically, to a 159-year-old manufacturing company called Württembergische Metallwarenfabrik AG, better known as WMF. Technically, it's owned by an American private-equity firm, but that hasn't affected its ability to churn out eye-catchingly clean pieces of kitchenware, like the stainless-steel salt and pepper shakers at **Whickerbill** (742 Manitou Ave., 685-1540). Essentially two skinny cylinders marked "S" and "P," the $26 pair comes set in a dark square of bamboo. A thought from one user, though: "Since the holes are on the front from which the spice flows, you have to hold it sideways to shake the salt or pepper from the tube."

So if you're upset by such horizontal delivery vehicles, we've got something you'll probably buy, move once, and never budge again: an $800, chrome-plated metal heating-stove from **Ruxton's Trading Post** (22 Ruxton Ave., ruxtons.com). There's a couple units there, starting at around $300, but the one we've got for you, with its gleaming coiled accents, looks like an elaborate tureen, or a suit of Roman armor. Stamped with the words "Advance Oak, Fred C Voss, Denver Colo," this baby's maybe 120 years old, says co-owner Mike Graham — who sells them on consignment for a refurbisher near Walsenburg — and burns wood like a champ, though it may be too pretty for even that.

"Yeah, they're beautiful all redone," says Graham in a phone interview. "And when I met this person that restores those, he's been at it for a long time. And I've seen some other restored stoves, but it's a real dramatic difference when you look at about 90 of 'em, and 12 of them are restored and the rest of them aren't."

And good news, luminosity lovers: As of this writing, Graham hasn't sold it yet — but time's ticking.

"You know, it's a seasonal thing: When fall comes, people buy 'em and put 'em in their garage, or their workshop, or something like that — those kind of lower-end cheaper ones," he says. "These, you know, somebody might use these to heat with. But I wouldn't be surprised if they just buy 'em to put in a corner of a room." ***— Bryce Crawford***

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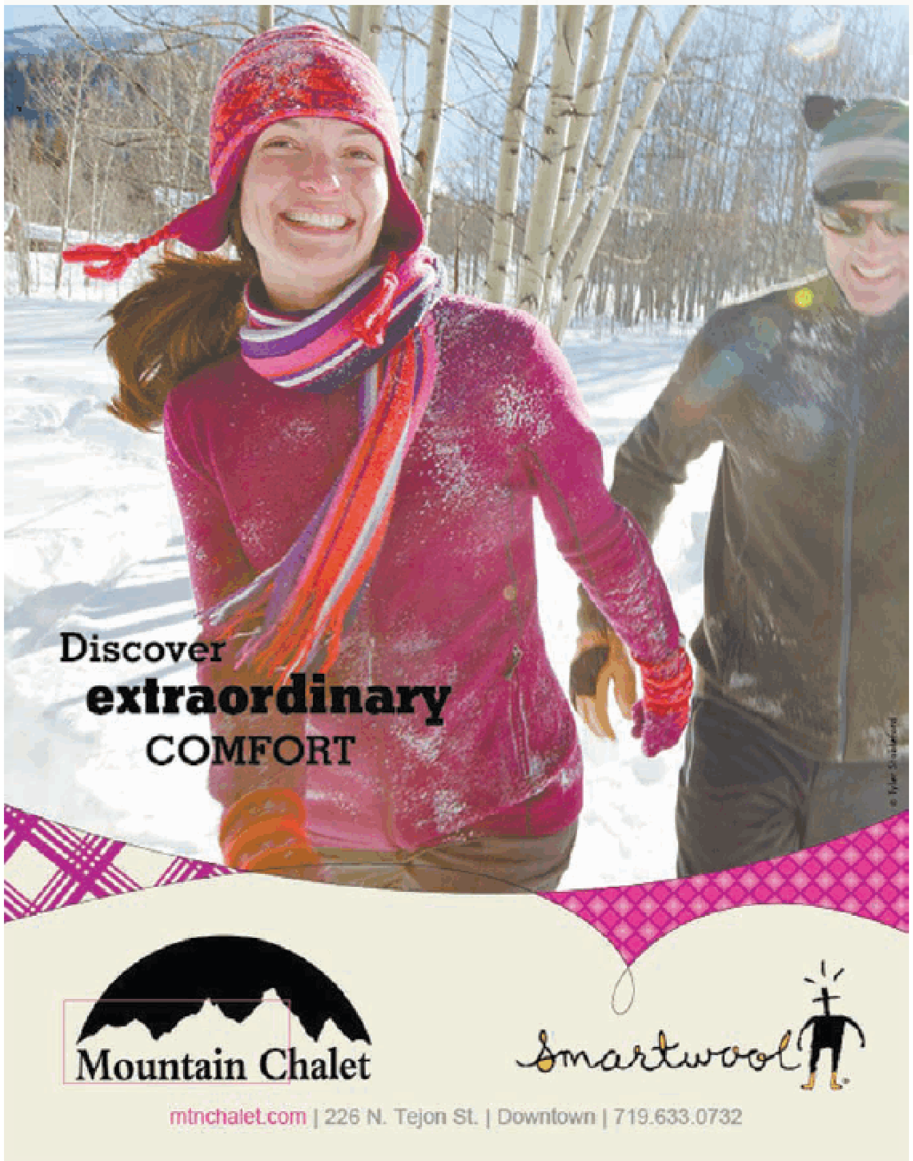
If you'd prefer to give a lower-calorie gift, both **SalonSeven** (622 S. Tejon St., salon7.biz) and **J. Gregory Salon** (1701 S. Tejon St., jgregorysalon.com) offer gift cards in any amount. Around $60 should buy your loved one most services at either hip beauty spot. At SalonSeven, for instance, a cut costs between $40 and $60; women's haircuts at J. Gregory start at $44. SalonSeven tends to focus on hair, though it does offer facial waxing. J. Gregory also offers a few other services including nails, facial waxing and makeup.

For those who want to be a hero this holiday season, consider heading over to the trendy new studio **Playoga** (1626 S. Tejon St., playogastudio.com). For $120, you can buy a gift certificate for 12 classes. Many classes at Playoga hold only three to eight people, which means your loved one will get plenty of one-on-one attention while trying to twist into a graceful pretzel. Owner Becca Roodhuyzen says Playoga is also different because students take their classes with a single teacher, who selects moves that he or she feels are most important to the practice.

Interested but can't quite afford the $120 price tag? Roodhuyzen says she's offering five classes for $60 during the holiday season. **— *J. Adrian Stanley***



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Central/Downtown

As of this writing, Tejon Street shopkeepers look likely to get their big gift this year: a panhandling ban for the area bordered by Boulder Street to the north, Cucharras Street to the south, Nevada Avenue to the east and Cascade Avenue to the west. So for now, let's put that 12-square-block core (and legal and moral arguments) aside to highlight three places in less-discussed outskirts of the downtown area.

You could literally spend hours at the **Treasure Shoppe** (324 E. Pikes Peak Ave., 465-1692), which offers that most rare of shopping experiences: a place where employees just leave you alone. Wandering through dozens of dealers' enclaves, I stopped longest at a vinyl collection in the northwest part of the store. Among the records that even the Leechpit (always another worthy downtown shopping stop, at 802 N. Nevada Ave.) would be proud to call its own are Roxy Music's *Siren* and Isaac Hayes' *Chocolate Chip*. But a true gem is *The Story of Star Wars*, a 1977 release that took the film and basically put a shortened version of it onto vinyl (sound effects included). This was the closest thing you could get to a home movie in those days, and you can find them selling for $30 or so on eBay today. But at the Shoppe, it's just $3, like most of the records.

Taking the downtown boundary toward its northernmost end is the Bon Shopping Center, the much-loved, '50s-era strip-mall that in October welcomed **Bon Pet Supply** (2312 N. Wahsatch Ave., 465-2143). The store's grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 1, but it's already outfitted most of its nearly 2,000 square feet with items for all kinds of animals. (It also sells a surprising number of stuffed dogs, if you're into the lowest-maintenance "pet" ownership.) Just past the Holly Madison Lucky Pet display, manager Amanda Morton will happily sell you an Outward Hound Pet-a-Roo dog backpack ($25.99, small), which is actually more of a frontpack — you wear it like a BabyBjörn. Now your friend with the miniature pinscher can take his pup to Barr Trail for hours, just like all those German shepherd owners. Or to the coffee shop for a latte. You know, whatever.

Heading back toward the city center, you'll find **Meininger** (201 S. Weber St., 578-8070), the art supply store with Front Range roots dating back to 1881. For under $10 here, you can buy a *Make Your Own Comic Book* pack; for under $15, a Food & Fold after-dinner origami set. Or, go big and drop $110.99 for DeltaSand's indoor Sandcastle Set. The sand itself (1.6 gallons) is a fairly magical compound that supposedly never dries out; employee Terry Fabian says it proved true when the store left a display out for about a year for customers to play with. The set comes with an expandable sandbox, a "brickmaker" and other molds. Plus you can buy additional sand, in all different colors, for about $22.

One more artsy thing to consider: Colorado College's Worner Campus Center hosts the school's annual arts and crafts sale this weekend: 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, and 10 to 5 Saturday and Sunday. With student artists and professionals selling handmade wares, and some money going to CC's Arts and Crafts Program, it's another excellent way to buy local. ***— Kirk Woundy***

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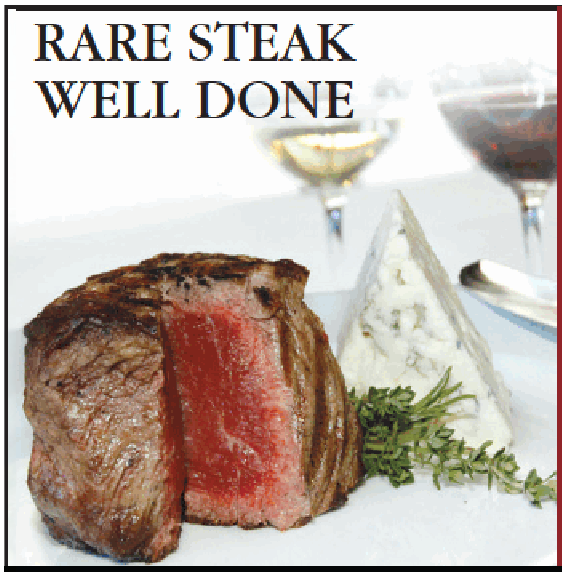

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From the food court to the big-name chain stores to the teenagers wandering aimlessly in packs, there's nothing like the all-American, generic mall experience during the holidays. But if you're a dedicated local-only shopper, don't write off the Citadel too soon. There are a number of interesting gifts and shops hidden among the mall's generic offerings.

For one, there is the family-owned **Wishing Well Glass Blowers.** Tucked into a corner on the third floor, nearly every item packing the shelves in this seasonal shop was created during the off-season by the store's glass-blowing artisans. And among the rows and rows of glass angels, dragons, crucifixes and the like, you will find tiny glass dinosaurs. The perfect size and price-point ($15 to $18) for a stocking stuffer (but maybe too fragile to be a literal stocking stuffer), these fearsome Tyrannosaurus rexes and not-so-fearsome Brontosauruses come in red, green or purple and are mounted on agate or mirror.

While on the third floor, stroll to the locally revered **Imagination Celebration**. This nonprofit boasts a wide variety of kids' activities, from the multiple tinkering stations for blooming artists and electrical engineers, to the reading room and wall space for art exhibits. Here you'll also find fun, imaginative hats, such as the limited edition Dragon Hat ($25). Created by locally owned hat maker Elope, the oversized, colorful and floppy hat is based on a design by local illustrator Michael Hague. A great gift for the young-at-heart and cold-of-head.

Now that we've exhausted the third floor, let's head down to the first floor, giving us the opportunity to stop by the food court for a tasty Orange Julius.

On the first floor is the dark and *Blade Runner*-brooding **Lucky's Electronics** (luckyselectronics.com). Catering to the raver-set, Lucky (the owner) offers an abundant variety of the-future-is-now electroluminescent badges. These paper-thin, battery-powered doodads are approximately the size of a DVD box, and Velcro to the front of a T-shirt ($29).

Why would you want one? Because the designs on these badges, from sports team logos to demonic faces, change intensity of lighting, as well as color and pattern, based on the beat of whatever music might be playing. For a night out at the clubs, Lucky assures us that this is a great conversation-starter with the ladies.

For the more adventurous raver on your shopping list, consider gifting the electroluminescent car headrest cover ($89) — Lucky and company will size it for you, custom. ***— Chet Hardin***

Southeast/Fountain

Try as I might, I was unable to locate any original Warhol paintings for sale in these neighborhoods. Now it could be that I didn't try hard enough, or it might also be that the iconoclastic art icon's original works have gotten a bit pricey. His 1962 "32 Soup Cans," for instance, has fetched a cool $15 million.

So it's a pretty safe bet that the highest pop-art-style-per-penny ratio in anyone's holiday stocking this year will be the Andy Warhol Limited Edition Campbell's Soup Can (75 cents). Released in September to commemorate the aforementioned work's 50th anniversary, they're still at the **Target** (335 N. Academy Blvd., 596-6220) just south of Platte Avenue.

Admittedly, there's nothing local about this gift idea, but it's a can of art history for 75 cents, and some profit will reportedly go to the endowment of the Andy Warhol Foundation, which promotes the visual arts. Labels come in four Warhol-style color combinations, and include an illustrated Andy on the back accompanied by a word balloon containing one of four well-known Warholisms. (P.S.: There's also tomato soup inside, presumably, but it'd be kind of wasteful to open them unless you're in zombie-apocalypse lockdown mode.)

Moving into the higher investment arena, the anime fanatic on your gift list will no doubt appreciate your paying a visit to **Rainy Day Anime** (2350 S. Academy Blvd., rainydayanime.com). Located in an unassuming strip mall, it's packed with eye-catching manga comics — including most volumes of *Battle Royale*, whose premise fully anticipated *The Hunger Games* — as well as action figures, costumes, paintings and animation cells.

There are lots of gifts to choose from, but my pick would have to be from the selection of licensed messenger bags. While I'm personally fond of the relatively subdued Cowboy Bebop one, I'm guessing that the more popular would be the Paranoia Agent messenger bag ($39.99), which features the Tsukiko Sagi and Shonen Bat characters from Satoshi Kon's darkly popular TV series.

And finally, for the highest rollers among you — two puns intended — there's the Jump Start High Output Grow Light System ($99.98). According to the folks at **Spencer's Lawn and Garden Center** (4720 Center Valley Drive, Fountain, 392-2726), it's got more uses than the one that most immediately comes to mind after seeing all those headlines about Colorado becoming the new Amsterdam. Folks in this part of town, I'm told, are more likely to use them to grow garden herbs and lettuce. Good to know! ***— Bill Forman***

North Powers

Not many people in our part of the world dote on the burning acidity and pleasing brininess of good kimchi, but you know what? More should.

So this gift is as much for the cause as it is for the cook. For $24.99, you can outfit your pampered chef with a special kimchi fermentation vessel from **Asiana Market** (5740 N. Carefree Circle, 570-9732). Like others of its kin, this heavy, squat earthenware pot lets the germy goodness happen undisturbed. And thanks to the heavy lid that rests on the top, it won't explode once the gases start building up inside. The pot can also be used for preserving or fermenting other foods, like soybean paste, hot pepper paste and rice wine, according to Korean cooking site maangchi.com.

I'd recommend taking a good look around the family-owned Asiana as well, where you can pick up other cooking supplies like stainless steel chopsticks, or bulk items like an 8½-pound tub of Huy Fong Foods' chili garlic sauce (also under $25!).

Perhaps your giftee's tastes sway more athletic than culinary. In that case, think about a **Sky Sox** six-game weekend pack ($60 per seat, tinyurl.com/6uamu4c). This plan offers lower box seats to the six biggest games of the season, like Opening Day, the Independence Day Extravaganza and Used Car Giveaway Night. It's the proverbial gift that keeps on giving (especially if there's a car thrown in there). And it's quality Triple-A baseball: The 2012 Sox finished No. 2 in the Pacific Coast League's North Division, with a final record of 75-69.

Now, this last item may be in something of a niche market, but a nice pipe from **Stag Tobacconist** (4109 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., 633-0669) goes a long way for a budding enthusiast or a seasoned smoker.

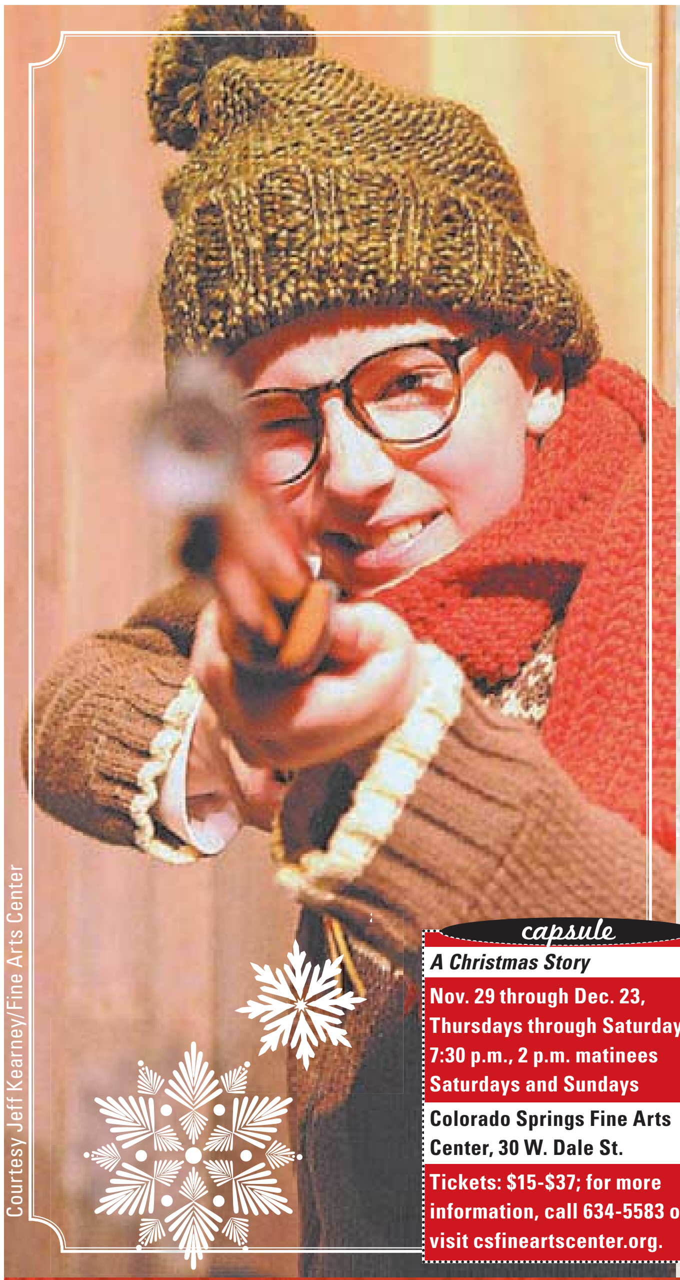
(Let's get two things out of the way first: Yes, smoking is bad for you. No, we're talking tobacco, not weed.)

The *Indy* asked Stag employee Steve (who asked we do not print his last name, though he goes by "The Pipe God") for a nice pipe among Stag's formidable collection and wide price range. He selected a Stanwell Night/Day series pipe ($128), a fine bent, or curved, specimen made from briar wood. Briar, he explains, is a burl from the roots of the heath tree that develops a tight wood grain, which makes for fine puffing by way of its fire-retardant properties and moisture absorption. A good pipe like this one, Steve says, will not only burn its contents well, but last you a lifetime.

"Don't go too cheap on your first pipe," he says. "Like anything else, you get what you pay for."

As far as choosing your pipe, breaking it in and packing it, Stag's website, stagtobacconist.com, offers a plethora of tips, but the staff also invites you to drop in and ask questions. They carry, after all, about 275 different kinds of pipe tobacco, and a huge humidor devoted to more than 1,200 different kinds of cigars. ***— Edie Adelstein***

Stag Tobacconist



Courtesy Jeff Kearney/Fine Arts Center

Shooting for the moon

Like *A Christmas Story* on TV? Then see it on stage. The FAC triple-dog-dares you

By Joshua Michael Torres

Thanks to TBS, Americans are treated to 24 hours of *A Christmas Story* every Christmas Day. But this year, Colorado Springs residents get something more than a 2D marathon of Ralphie, the leg lamp and his beloved Red Ryder BB Gun — we get the live experience.

Starting Thursday, the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center Theatre Company will host a production of *A Christmas Story*. Written for the stage by Philip Grecian, it's loosely based on the 1983 classic holiday movie, which itself was based on the short stories of Jean Shepherd.

FAC producing artistic director Scott RC Levy handpicked the play for this year's holiday show with new theater-goers in mind.

"We're not copying the movie," he says. "This is an interpretation of it. This is a modern holiday classic, and since people are so familiar with it, it provides an opportunity for people who don't usually come to the theater to get a whole new kind of experience."

Ralph vs. Ralphie

What makes the stage production unique is that the grown-up Ralph narrator is actually a physical part of the play. He not only explains scenes to the crowd, but also subtly interacts with the other characters. Portrayed by veteran FAC actor Jason Lythgoe, Ralph is the guiding light and guardian angel pushing young Ralphie in the right direction. Often Lythgoe acts as Ralphie's ego and id, bringing out the unique adolescent internal struggle, and world of make-believe, that most have forgotten.

"It's called a 'play' and if you don't play, it's boring," Lythgoe says. "We find those inner 9-year-olds inside of us reliving parts with Ralphie, but then throw in the 35-year-old commentary. It's [a] larger-than-life melodrama because that is where you have the real fun and just play, and that is something this performance is really good at — letting those fantasy scenes to come in."

Director Joye Levy says the beauty of this play is that it's a memory piece. It takes most of us back to memories not only of Christmas, but also to the joys of pure western Americana. She hopes that the audience gets to reflect on childhood and tell the funny stories of the time and the gifts they lived and died for.

"For those who actually grew up in the '30s, this is their life memory," she says. "For those of us who grew up in the '80s watching this with our families, this is our memory. And now the little kids who have never seen it will get to make those memories right there and here. It's painful and it's funny."

Screen to stage

The iconic scenes that audiences hold so dear are all in the play, but mixed with new scenes and extended takes to flesh out the importance of family and love in any situation. That's essentially the point: The cast and crew want audiences to walk away with the joy of a brief moment in time with their loved ones, the collective enjoyment of an exceptional work of theater.

"There is nothing quite like live theater," Lythgoe says, "whether it's a story you know or something totally new. Anything could happen at any time. You don't know the outcome. Seeing it done for you in front of your eyes, personally creating the magic, is so much more of an experience than sitting down grabbing a beer and watching a movie. It brings you into the world that you just don't get from listening to a voiceover. It gives it that personal connection."

— ***scene@csindy.com***

capsule

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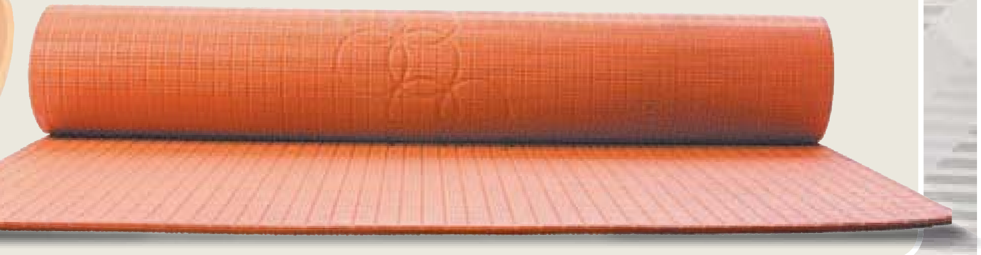
SEVEN DAYS TO LIVE

28 WEDNESDAY
lecture

If you ask sex columnist Dan Savage, the recent election wasn't just a victory for Obama backers, or gay-marriage supporters, or even token tokers. It was a finalized rewrite of the dynamic inside both political parties. "The back of the anti-gay wedge issue no longer divides the Democrats," he told Current TV on Nov. 7. "Democrats, and liberals, and progressives and moderates are united around equality and justice for LGBT people, and the wedge now is going to divide the GOP." If you're similarly united, or just dig a little bit of truthy raunch, hit ***Savage Love Live!*** at 6:30 tonight at Colorado College's **Armstrong Theater** (14 E. Cache la Poudre St., coloradocollege.edu). Admission is free. ***— BC***

29 THURSDAY
yoga

Have you ever dreamed of practicing your Sun Salutation "A" and "B" series while listening to the soft pitter-patter of the rain? Eric Tillinghast's site-specific water installation "Rain Machine" allows you to experience the calming sounds of rain without getting drenched, cold and miserable. So head to the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs' Gallery of Contemporary Art, aka **GOCA 1420** (1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., tinyurl.com/aqy5pnj), and practice yoga to the sweet sounds of a light rainfall. Certified instructor Sarah Martin will lead a **yoga class** in the gallery from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. today; the suggested donation is $5. All you need otherwise is a mat, a water bottle and comfortable clothes. ***— KL***



30 FRIDAY
art

Seriously, can we avoid the last-minute gift rush this year — and, for that matter, the desperate, empty purchases at big-box stores? Great! Get an early start on gift-buying between 5 and 8 tonight at Pueblo's **Yule Love It Downtown Art & Shopping Crawl** (pueblo.org). Hosted by the Pueblo Creative Corridor, Pueblo Performing Arts Guild and many other community partners, the free event, which also happens seven more days in December, focuses on the Steel City's trio of historic city centers: downtown's **Main Street**, the **Union Avenue Historic District** and **Mesa Junction**. Catch street performers and carolers and new shows at all participating art galleries, plus Riverwalk boat rides and much more. ***— MS***

1 SATURDAY
parade

When it comes to the **Festival of Lights Parade** (coloradospringsfestivaloflights.org), starting at 5:50 tonight on **Tejon Street**, you already know what to expect — and it's great. The marching bands rock; the Christmas lights remind you of all you haven't hung; and the night air is crack-your-face freezing. So this year, organizers added a little fire to the mix, or at least the presence of a woman who warms most hearts: forest supervisor Jerri Marr, as grand marshal. It's a fitting way to honor a woman whose work during the Waldo Canyon Fire led to "Keep calm and Jerri Marr" chants in the streets. (Or was that just my neighborhood?) ***— BC***

SUNDAY
music

Last month, *Denver Post* critic Sabine Kortals decided to "call out" Colorado's five best chamber music groups, and Pueblo's own **Veronika String Quartet** made the cut. The group's legacy dates back to 1989 Moscow, and currently features namesake Veronika Afanassieva on first violin, Karine Garibova on second violin, Ekaterina Dobrotvorskaia on viola, and newcomer Scott Kluksdahl on cello. Catch its "Around the World With the String Quartet" season opener — featuring works by Austrian composers Mozart, Webern and Beethoven — at 2 p.m. in the Music Room of the **Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center** (30 E. Dale St., veronikastringquartet.com). Tickets are $15/general, $10/students with ID. ***— BF***

3 MONDAY
music

Jazz, among its many qualities, has a singular way of adding something festive to any occasion, even if it's just a hot, sticky night in the dead of August. But the holidays and jazz were really made for each other; what could better enliven a traditional Christmas story? Enter ***Bending Towards the Light ... A Jazz Nativity***, happening at 7:30 tonight at **Broadmoor Community Church** (315 Lake Ave., towardsthelight.us). This annual original show brings together local professional musicians and actors to depict the first Christmas with a touch of mood indigo. Things got started Saturday, and tickets run $20 to $25, or $40 to $45 for VIP passes. ***— EA***

4 TUESDAY
holiday

We all do our share of groaning about Christmas creep and what a buzzkill it is to see holiday decorations way too early in the season. But here's my take: That's just retail fatigue talking. And maybe a natural physiological response to Johnny Mathis. As for the rest — sparkly lights on evergreens, sing-alongs and cookies, hayrides under the stars, giving to folks in need — is there any time of year when those things aren't awesome? Feel free to prove me wrong at the seventh annual **Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration** at 5:30 tonight at the **Widefield Community Center** (705 Aspen Drive, cc.wsd3.org), but you'd better bring a winter coat to donate or a nonperishable food item along with your Grinchface. ***— CAS***

Contributors: Edie Adelstein, Bryce Crawford, Bill Forman, Kiki Lenihan, Matthew Schniper and Claire Swinford.

4PlaY

Other options to get you excited about your week.

Backup plan
Wine, Women & Chocolate 3!, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28, at Tim Gill Center for Public Media

Before you know it
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Potato pick
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Appetite

Bright early

Over Easy caters to the richest breakfast desires

By Matthew Schniper

Randy Price is a smart man. In just over a decade, he's built the successful Rocky Mountain Restaurant Group and its three Salsa Brava locations, Sonterra Innovative Southwest Grill and now Over Easy, a daytime eatery, which replaces Slayton's Tejon Street Grill in the group's portfolio.

Brienne Boortz

Flights of fancy: Some pancakes get the liqueur-infused-berry treatment.

Price not only knows when (and has the chutzpah) to scrap a flagging concept, but he knows when to borrow one as well. And with Over Easy, he's tapped into a culinary zeitgeist with some starkly simple principles.

It rightly believes that eaters can't resist the allure of posh pancake flights ($8.99/add $1 for gluten-free) laced with sugary accents like streusel topping and liqueur-infused berries; a build-your-own Bloody Mary bar ($8); or a host of "better-than-Benedict" plates ($9.50 to $11) that pair fresh meats and veggies with perfectly poached eggs and velvety hollandaise caps.

Also perfectly of the moment: mascarpone-stuffed brioche French toast ($8.99) that eats like a dolled-up toasted marshmallow, so sweet from crème anglaise, caramel, maple syrup and whipped cream that it could easily moonlight as bread pudding. Then there's the superfood quinoa ($6.99), a clever substitute for oatmeal, baked in coconut milk and coconut cream and topped in blueberries and walnuts and garnishes of Colorado honey, cinnamon and brown sugar.

Taking in the sights, scents and a free, delightful, fair-trade Barista coffee while you wait (and you will) for a table, you'll feel that breakfast's exciting again, in a way that diner food isn't and your sad home omelets will never be.

You see, Price borrowed unabashedly and wisely from Denver's highly successful and charming Snooze, An A.M. Eatery (yes, down to the branding style), taking his management team on reconnaissance missions and tasking 33-year-old chef Josh Davis with creating an interpreted menu bearing RMRG's own flair. So even though the streusel topping is a direct Snooze knock-off, the basic pancake recipe is Davis' mother's recipe from Boston, gleaned from a beat-up three-ring binder jammed with '70s-era *Better Homes and Gardens* ideas. And Fred's Hawaiian Pancake, laced with caramelized pineapples and toasted coconut, is a tribute to Price's brother who recently passed away.

"It's the little stories that make us different from Snooze — what makes it personal," says Davis, whose two years as a Starbucks manager (prior to his seven years at RMRG) informed his staff training on a new espresso machine that's being put to beautiful use. See: the Black Forest Mocha ($3.50), with textbook foam and perfectly balanced Ghirardelli chocolate and cherry syrup notes.

Overall, Over Easy already touts plenty of high points, which isn't to say it's found perfection yet. Sides of hash browns on a Benedict plate and the black bean huevos rancheros ($8.99, borrowing Sonterra flavors), are mirror opposites — one nicely browned, the other pale and mushy in the middle. Our strawberry-apple salad ($8.99) came overdressed and skimpy on the goat cheese, and the breakfast tacos ($8.99) can be bested by Quijote's mega-cheap renditions.

Though brilliantly envisioned and timed, Over Easy is still in its infancy and already facing major staffing overhauls due to Price's proactive interpretations of health-care-law implications (see "Unsure about insurance," News, Nov. 21). But it's bursting with so much enthusiasm and potential that it's infectious already.

A great addition to our scene from a man who may Snooze, but clearly hasn't overslept the alarm.

— matthew@csindy.com

CAPSULE

Over Easy, a daytime eatery

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Weekdays, 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; weekends, 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

SIDE Dish

Culinary crumbs & gastronomic gossip

More than maté

Closure signs are posted and the shelves are nearly cleared at Manitou Springs' Community Foods market (56 Park Ave.), but that's not a sign of trouble for the Twelve Tribes religious community that owns it. Rather, it's a sign of transition. Community member Peter Wolfe says to expect a **Yellow Deli** location to open in the spot, likely sometime in 2014, maybe later.

When pressed for a more precise time frame, he says, "It took Noah 100 years to build the ark … This is a colossal project — there's work to be done that you can't pay people to do."

Wolfe says he just procured reclaimed barn wood from upstate New York that'll be used at the site. And a look at other Yellow Deli locations around the country, on yellowdeli.com, reveals elaborate woodwork similar to that on display at the Tribes' Maté Factor (685-3235).

But Wolfe says the Maté Factor "is nothing compared to what the deli will be — it'll be a sight to behold," with a rooftop patio addition among highlights.

The first Yellow Deli opened in Chattanooga, Tenn., in 1973, and though the Tribes have started other concepts since then, Wolfe believes members have "lost the simplicity of what we had in the beginning that we loved — just the best sandwiches on the best bread."

Breads are baked on-site ("That's part of who we are"), stuffed with "high-quality meats and cheeses," and served steamed rather than toasted. With a larger menu and much more seating than the Maté Factor, the Yellow Deli also offers full service versus counter service.

"We can serve people at a high level of hospitality," says Wolfe. "The Maté Factor is packed all the time and there's never a place to sit. This allows us to extend our hospitality to more people. Money isn't the basis — caring for people is."

The community has plans to eventually set up a retooled market that's "not so much natural junk food, but more healthy bulk food at an affordable price."

A matter of taste

Coaltrain Wine and Spirits will host its **Infamous Christmas Tasting** at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5, at Springs Orleans (123 E. Pikes Peak Ave., coaltrainwine.com). The idea is that for $45 ($40 in advance), one can sample widely from select wines, beers and spirits (next to some appetizers to soak it all up, and music for ambiance) and plan for more informed holiday purchasing around special meals and gifting.

See "Coaltrain holiday tasting in good taste" on our IndyBlog for a broad view of last year's event.

— Matthew Schniper

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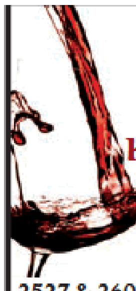

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The curry does the cuisine right, with a slightly peanutty, sweet, respectably spicy and flavorful sauce drowning the soft protein and a profusion of onions and bell peppers, plus a few carrot slices that seemingly fell in by accident. The Pad Thai doesn't deserve the name, though, as an unpalatable, clumpy, scary red mess, like a sweet-and-sour experiment gone awry. — ***Matthew Schniper***

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Though you'll read about fruit and caramel on the bottle description, we taste more straight molasses up front and only a slight honey hint on the back end. The Belgian yeast profile is prominent with a bready, malty body and a mild creaminess, but a much flatter carbonation than advertised. In apiary terms, it's a fine foraging run, but no mating flight. — ***Matthew Schniper***

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After trying the single-patty, Thousand-Island-dressed **California Burger** ($3.59), and the **Original Double** combo ($6.69), we say the latter's better, if only because a single hamburger here doesn't do a very good job offering a meaty bite. In fact, initial tastes tend to be supremely underwhelming. Freddy's also serves decent, if weakly flavored, shoestring fries, but a mixed, frozen **Turtle** ($2.20/mini) does it completely right. — ***Bryce Crawford***

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Film

Staged romance

Anna Karenina (R)

By Tricia Olszewski

Oh Anna, you could have done better.

The main problem plaguing Joe Wright's *Anna Karenina* is the man with whom the title character (Keira Knightley, of course), has an affair. Played by Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Count Vronsky is too young, too charmless and too highlighted to inspire the kind of passion that would make a married aristocrat rip off her bodice. And it wouldn't hurt if his mustache matched his hair.

Keira Knightley in yet another period piece and Joe Wright film ... she's perfectly acceptable, yet perhaps too expected.

Not that Anna's husband, Karenin (Jude Law), is a lothario, either. Balding and stoic, even after he's told of the affair, Karenin is a bucket of cold, sensible water that extinguishes any joy that may reveal itself in his presence. You want to sympathize with him, but you can't quite.

If you can get past the leads' lack of chemistry, however, *Anna Karenina* is rather sexy, a tale of forbidden love in 19th-century Russia. (Never mind that everyone has British accents.) There are other romances (or non-romances) going on in Leo Tolstoy's novel, adapted by playwright Tom Stoppard, from puppy love to more adultery, with a thematic emphasis on what love is and why people marry.

As was proper back in ye olden days, flirtation was communicated mainly through stolen glances or choreographed dance. The film has a wonderful symmetry, particularly in the ballroom scenes, that lends it a theatrical flair. Often, too, Wright has extraneous characters freeze while the main ones move about freely, and it's inexplicably lovely. But when the crinolines do come off, things get rather steamy, regardless if you sensed an initial attraction between the lovers or not.

And speaking of the theater, Wright oddly chose to set the action in one. But, seemingly, not all of the action, and the goings-on that do obviously occur in a playhouse therefore feel random and nonsensical.

OK, so all the world's a stage, etc., etc., and I suppose the metaphor is what the director is going for here. But really, who cares if the train the characters are on — for the most part shot traditionally, with no indication it's anything other than the real thing — ends up chugging to a stop in the middle of an aisle? Or if people are gossiping on a back stage? Especially when said backstage suddenly opens up, and what do you know, there's the actual outdoors, where the story continues. The gimmick may be novel, but it's ultimately distracting.

This is the third time Wright and Knightley have worked together (*Pride & Prejudice* and *Atonement* being the others), so the star seems comfortable in her period-piece corsets and high English. Still, no matter how many times she dons the hoop skirts, all you're likely to think is: Well, there's Keira Knightley again. There's nothing exactly wrong with her performance here, but it's not exactly remarkable, either. Her Anna's bosom heaves, she declares love, she wrangles with guilt, all in a paint-by-numbers way.

Wright's muse may inspire him, but by now his go-to gal may leave you wishing that next time he, like Anna, try someone new.

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Film

Super text

Killing Them Softly (R)

By Scott Renshaw

Killing Them Softly — the new crime caper thriller from writer/director Andrew Dominik (*The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford*) — is set in 2008, during the height of the panic over the U.S. financial collapse and the run-up to Barack Obama's election. I mention this because you might miss that crucial bit of subtext if you're not paying close attention to the excerpts from Obama's election-night speech included during the jaggedly edited opening sequence. Or during the centerpiece heist sequence. Or five minutes later, when someone has the car radio on. Or pretty much every time anyone in this movie is listening to a radio or watching a television.

Because Andrew, buddy, pal, c'mon: We get it already. We understand that you're turning your adaptation of George V. Higgins' novel *Cogan's Trade* — full of low-lifes, hired killers and an unseen corporatized criminal hierarchy — into some kind of a metaphor for the malfeasance that led up to the Great Recession, and the nature of the response to it.

It's clear from the crime committed by Markie (Ray Liotta) — who arranged to steal from the card game he runs, and laughs about getting away with it — which inspires an idea for a copycat crime by small-time crook Johnny (Vincent Curatola), who brings in an old acquaintance, Frankie (Scoot McNairy), to do the actual dirty work. It's clear from the interaction between Jackie (Brad Pitt), a no-nonsense hired killer, and the businesslike representative (Richard Jenkins) of the crime bosses by whom Jackie's been hired to deal with whoever stole from them. And man oh man, is it clear from the incessant intrusion of the voices of George W. Bush, Barack Obama, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, etc., etc., etc.

The damned shame of it is that, for a while anyway, Dominik has the makings of a uniquely down-and-dirty spin on familiar underworld material. Yes, the off-the-cuff conversations might tend to have you expecting the latest in a 20-year lineage of post-Tarantino chatty/witty thugs, particularly in the pre-heist banter between Frankie and his accomplice/prison buddy Russell (Ben Mendelsohn) about (among other things) prison sex. McNairy's a terrifically effective weasel, though, and the actual card-room robbery is a clinic in minimalist tension built entirely into reasonable behavior, without artificially raising the stakes.

It's even clear that Dominik had his story pointed in a direction that would have made a compelling thematic idea all on its own: the role of distance, whether physical or emotional, in being able to live with doing something terrible. The film's title is used as an almost absurdist suggestion that there's a right way to destroy someone's life — one that results in no stress on the conscience of the destroyer.

Brad Pitt: hired gun in a political play.

But that's not good enough for Dominik, who churns out the background-noise references to the meltdown pretty much any time there's a moment of dead air, leading up to a climactic speech by Pitt that turns into something more pointed in its contemporary-relevance-message-delivering than anything that's been similarly criticized in *Lincoln*.

Killing Them Softly winds and pirouettes around a dozen different notions in a way that makes it clear that Dominik had something richly cynical at the core of his film. But he doesn't trust the audience to put the pieces together, leaving a frustrating tale that, just in case you missed it, IS SET IN 2008 WHEN EVERYONE WAS GREEDY.

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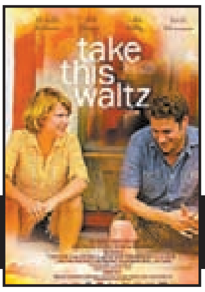
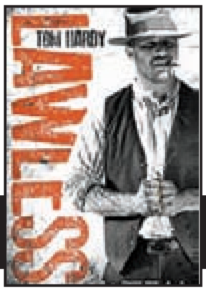


Take This Waltz (R)

Magnolia Home Entertainment

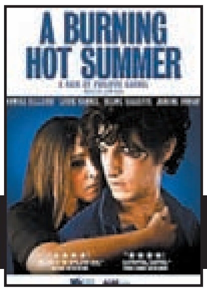
Margot (Michelle Williams) and Lou (Seth Rogen) are five years into a marriage held together by proximity, humor, detached aggression and respect for each other's interests — or respect enough not to poke around their self-designated space. So when Margot's antennae for quirk zeroes in on Daniel (Luke Kirby), a harder-edged artist type about eight or nine sleazy moves ahead of Margot in her tired game of domestic boredom, part of you wants to believe her commitment to sturdy old Lou is strong enough. It's not, which is enough to churn the stomach — but it's also a necessarily painful and infuriating introduction to Polley's not-so-subtle yet still powerful visual essay on the subject. If Margot's capriciousness is shameful, the film dares the finger-wagging viewer to cast the first stone. — ***Justin Strout***



Lawless (R) (Blu-ray)

Anchor Bay Entertainment

There's so much to love about *Lawless*: Nick Cave's screenplay, John Hillcoat's direction and Guy Pearce's deviant performance. You'd think that would elevate *Lawless* so that flaws could be easily overlooked. However, there are too many flaws — mostly thanks to the stunt-casting of a bunch of kids, playing 1930s dress-up, in what amounts to a Prohibition-era wannabe *Young Guns* (minus the cocky excitement of that revisionist experiment). Shia LaBeouf is the pesky little brother to backwoods bootlegger Tom Hardy, whose brooding is really beginning to show him as a true one-trick pony. They take on the aforementioned Pearce and his anti-alcohol lawman lackeys, but just looking at them trying so hard to be "serious actors" is just too silly and vapid to accept the movie as anything truly genuine. — ***Louis Fowler***



A Burning Hot Summer (NR)

Sundance Selects

A Burning Hot Summer? Try a boring long movie. Another entry into the death of marital bliss sweepstakes that seems to be the indie de rigueur as of late, this French entry is about a couple who visit their married pals in Rome for the summer, only to have a front-row seat in watching the marriage crumble. Tensions rise, friendships are questioned, nudity is shown, and I fall asleep. We've seen the story told so many times, in so many better ways. Director Philippe Garrel doesn't even try to infuse anything new into this bitter sub-genre, instead relying on forced brooding and an admittedly great score by the Velvet Underground's John Cale. As someone who's recently divorced, I'd suggest you watch a movie like *Blue Valentine* to truly see what a fractured, ugly, dead marriage really is. — ***Louis Fowler***

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Mac Lethal ventures beyond pancakes

By Chris Parker

Michael Hawkins

'I did something to my brain.'

Mac Lethal's a grab bag of earnest positivity and put-downs. It's been more than a decade since the 31-year-old Kansas City rapper won Scribble Jam, HBO's old emcee battle competition, and he's now poised on the brink of mass culture infiltration.

Most know Lethal (born David Sheldon) as the "pancake rapper," who last year cooked pancakes while busting a humorous fast rap to Chris Brown's "Look at Me Now" that, among other things, lambasted the pugilistic pop star: "I wish that he was man enough to get inside the octagon / I'd kick him in the noggin like I'm Lyoto Machida / Front kick to the face just by me throwin' my feet up," he raps. "Your fate is imminent, Imma diminish it."

That video showcased Lethal's culinary bona fides and Twista-league speed, scoring more than 25 million views. But it wasn't his greatest viral sensation. That's Texts From Bennett, a tumblr feed featuring texts from his (fictional) 17-year old unemployed wannabe-Crip cousin. Started around the same time, it attracted more than 40 million hits, and a book deal from Simon & Schuster.

Even more bizarre is the video for "You're vs. Your," a grammar-Nazi rap delivered in front of a large canvas print bearing the image of the acerbic late comedian Bill Hicks.

"Any day of the week I'm going to have a different vibe going," says Lethal during a phone interview while driving to his neighborhood liquor store. "Just depends. Maybe I'm on this revolution where I walk door-to-door and smack everybody in the mouth. Today I just want to help people and be positive. The Bill Hicks side is turned down today."

Well, maybe. Moments later, he's pausing our conversation to yell out the car window at a woman he's passing by: "Don't litter, you fucking bitch."

As for his career trajectory, Lethal figures he didn't hit his stride until 2007, when the Rhymesayers label released *11:11* and sent him on tour with their flagship act, Atmosphere. Lethal chalks up comparisons between himself and Atmosphere emcee Slug to "the experiences of being a Midwestern, Caucasian man that is trying to be genuine and rap about things that you know."

While Lethal may be much more of a novelty rapper than Slug, he does have his serious moments. Recorded in the aftermath of his mother's death, *11:11* was dramatically reworked from the originals.

Last year brought Lethal's third official release, *Irish Goodbye*, on his own Black Clover Records imprint. Next came an 11-month hiatus spent working on his 225-page novel, after which he returned to the studio this month and released the track "Marijuana Plants on Saturn." He says the new lyrics came quickly, with little need for revision.

"I'm not sure what exactly happened, but I did something to my brain," he enthuses. "When I went back to the main discipline, it's so much developed now. The amount of strain and just torture I went through writing the book was just psychotic."

But just because he's opened his mind — and heart, judging from his recent marriage and impending fatherhood — doesn't mean he's softened. He's still ready to go UFC on Chris Brown.

"He doesn't have martial arts experience and I do, so he's probably not going to have a good time," Lethal boasts. "But if he wants to step to me, you can tell him I've got it right here for him."

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CAPSULE

Mac Lethal, with SplYt, Con and Booger, A Black Day

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LIVE FROM ALABAMA
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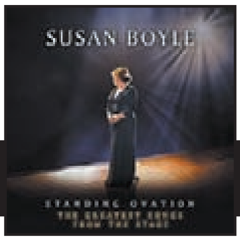

GRAHAM PARKER & THE RUMOUR

Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit

Live From Alabama

Lightning Rod Records

File next to: Drive-By Truckers, Grace Potter & the Nocturnals

This album was cut by Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit at August shows in Birmingham and Huntsville, Ala. It's an unvarnished 72 minutes by Isbell and his fine band, opening with the twang and backbeat of "Tour of Duty," one of the frontman's songs about veterans returning home, and ending with a cover of Neil Young's "Like a Hurricane." In between are a few of his old Drive-By Truckers songs, "Decoration Day" and the touching "Danko/Manuel," a Muscle Shoals soul cover of "Heart on a String," and the best of Isbell's solo material — "In a Razor Town," the award-winning "Alabama Pines," and recounting his dad's advice in the countrified "Cigarettes and Wine." Isbell remains one of our great Americana songwriters and performers, and *Live From Alabama* captures him and the 400 Unit in peak form. — ***L. Kent Wolgamott***

Susan Boyle

Standing Ovation

Syco Music

File next to: Barbra Streisand, Barry Manilow

The subtitle of the fourth album from the *Britain's Got Talent* phenomenon is, appropriately, *The Greatest Songs From the Stage*, since the disc is presented like a concert, with an encore of "This Is the Moment." That one's a duet with Donny Osmond, who also joins Boyle on "All I Ask of You." Michael Crawford turns up on "The Music of the Night." The rest is all Boyle, doing stage material like "Over the Rainbow," "Send In the Clowns" and "You'll Never Walk Alone." The arrangements vary slightly from the norm, but her voice is surrounded by strings and piano and each song soars toward dramatic crescendos. Those are perfect settings for Boyle, who puts her heart and talent into familiar numbers like "The Winner Takes It All," making for a very satisfying, if never surprising listen. — ***L. Kent Wolgamott***

Graham Parker & the Rumour

Three Chords Good

Primary Wave

File next to: Elvis Costello, Joe Jackson

I believe I just saw hell freeze over and flying pigs accompanying Graham Parker's unlikely reunion with his original backing band. Parker has made excellent albums since splitting with the Rumour in 1980, but that band always injected extra sting into the rockers and added soulful swing to others. They don't try to re-create the '70s glory days, instead reflecting Parker's shift toward a more textured, relaxed sound. "Coathangers," the one true rocker, is a winner, and the other songwriting is inspired, while the Rumour provides excellent backing no matter the stylistic setting. They include first-rate ballads ("Long Emotional Ride," "Stop Cryin' About the Rain"), frisky folkish rock tunes ("She Rocks Me," "A Lie Gets Halfway 'Round the World"), and lilting reggae ("Snake Oil Capital of the World"). Let's hope this reunion carries on. — ***Alan Sculley***

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REVERB

BY BILL FORMAN

Whether you think of them as collectives, co-ops or cliques, the Colorado Springs music community has definitely given birth to a wealth of closely aligned musicians who pool resources, share stages, and faithfully turn out for each other's gigs.

The phenomenon goes back at least five years to when **Inaiah Lujan** started **Blank Tape Records** in order to release the music of the fledgling **Haunted Windchimes, who** at a time were still a trio. But as the Windchimes lineup expanded, so did the Blank Tape roster, with **Changing Colors, Mike Clark, Katey Sleeveless** and **Joe Johnson** all coming on board.

The latest addition to the Blank Tape crew is **Grant Sabin**, who'll be joined by the Windchimes at **Stargazers** on Dec. 14 to celebrate the release of his ***Anthromusicology*** CD.

Grant is also affiliated with **Kings of Space**, a collective of early-20-something indie musicians that includes the **Flumps, Briffaut** and token teens **We Are Not a Glum Lot**. Members of all three groups play on *Anthromusicology.* Plus, they all collaborate on really odd videos.

Aaron Graves

Milogic, Hott, Jayoin, and Ahmad Mitchell have joined forces as A Black Day.

Over in the realm of soul, jazz and funk, **Sunday Night Soul Sessions at Zodiac** kicked off back in October. The monthly event features special guests backed by a house band that includes **Charlie Milo** and **Kopesetic Soul's Lyrick**. In addition to fronting the Charlie Milo Trio, Colorado Springs' most prolific bassist has also begun gigging with emcee **Stoney Bertz**, electronicist **Animus Invidious** and **Mad Trees' Earsiq Radke** under the name **Flodignatic**.

'The first tat I got here was the Coup logo on my forearm.'

Meanwhile, on the underground hip-hop front, there's the **Sound Powered Engine** crew, which includes the four emcees in **Bullhead*ded** and their component duos **Too Tone Taurus** and **Made-Up Minds**. SPE's first CD release was last year's ***Sleeping While You're Awake*** by **Che Bong**.

And if all of the above weren't enough, this week marks the local debut of **A Black Day,** a well-pedigreed hip-hop collective featuring emcees **Milogic** (also part of the SPE crew), **Jayoin** (the *other* half of Mad Trees), **Hott** (from **Audible**) and **Fidel RedStar** frontman **Ahmad Mitchell** (who was also half of **Accumen** alongside the **ReMINDers' Samir Zamundu**).

The four emcees will perform an opening set for **Mac Lethal** — who's interviewed on p. 39 of this issue — Saturday at the **Black Sheep**. Only together since last month, A Black Day already has seven tracks in the can and aims to have an album out early next year.

I managed to snag one track, "Letter to the Non-Believer," which finds the group collaborating with **Boonie Mayfield**, the Springs-based producer and award-winning turntablist whose videos have garnered more than 5 million views. From the first listen, it's obvious that the group is helping set the local hip-hop bar high.

"We all had talked about doing something together at one time or another," says Ahmad. "So with beats by Boonie Mayfield, and some late-night and early-morning texts, we hit the lab and the chemistry was there." A Black Day will also be the featured act at the next installment of the aforementioned **Soul Sessions**, which takes place at **Zodiac** on Dec. 23.

Fidel RedStar has also been getting busy, performing at last Friday's **Sophie Valdez** benefit and the following night on a Denver bill with political hip-hop innovators the **Coup**.

"It was an honor to open for them," says Ahmad, who also got to meet up backstage with Coup frontman **Boots Riley**. "I think I tripped him out because, back in the day when I first arrived in Colorado, the first tat I got here was the Coup logo on my forearm. He got a kick out of that and took a couple of pictures."

Meanwhile, the **"Rock for Sophie"** campaign forges onward with a benefit concert this coming Friday at the **Black Sheep**. **Indy Music Award** winners **Malakai** and **Inelements** will be performing, along with **Vital Malice, Cull the Herd** and **Bridges**.

And to bring things around full circle: **Lastleaf Printing**'s **Mathias Valdez**, whose 3-year-old daughter is undergoing treatments for childhood leukemia, tells me there's another Sophie benefit being lined up that will feature the **Haunted Windchimes** at Pueblo's **Union Depot**. That event will most likely be the week before Christmas — a firm date is still being set — so tune in next week for more details.

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PlayingAround

LIVE MUSIC: WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28, THROUGH TUESDAY, DEC. 4

Wednesday 11/28

Benny's, *Big Sky (rock/pop),* 8 p.m.

Black Sheep, *The Faceless, Revocation, The Haarp Machine (metal),* 7 p.m., $13-$15.

Club Q, *Open Mic Night,* 10 p.m.

Frankie's, *Open Mic (acoustic),* 8:30 p.m.

Front Range, *Bluegrass Delta Force (bluegrass),* 7:30 p.m.

Margarita at PineCreek, *Crystal and the Curious (jazz),* 7 p.m.

Meadow Muffins, *West Side Wednesdays, with Brian Parton (Americana),* 7 p.m.

Park East, *The Martini Shot Unplugged (acoustic),* 7 p.m.

Penrose Room, *Penrose Room Trio with Lila Mori (jazz),* 6:30 p.m.

SouthSide Johnny's, *Blues Jamm, with 99% (blues),* 7 p.m.

Stargazers, *Elephant Revival (folk),* 9 p.m., $20-$25.

Thirsty Parrot, *Colorado Springs Big Jazz Band (jazz),* 6 p.m.

Twisted Knickers, *Bluegrass Jam with Banjo Bill (bluegrass),* 7 p.m.

Zodiac, *'80s Dance Nite, hosted by DJ Monster Mike (dance),* 9 p.m.

Thursday 11/29

Adam's, *Bobby Jackson (acoustic),* 6:30 p.m.

Ancient Mariner, *Open Mic with Stolen Idol Productions (acoustic),* 8 p.m.

Benny's, *Open Mic with the Jerry Roskin Band,* 8 p.m.

Big Daddy, *Gary Bennett (rock/pop),* 7 p.m.

Bloom's Mill Hill, *Michael Smith and Oly (country),* 7 p.m.

Cowboys, *Chris Cagle, Lauren Alaina, Kory Brunson Band (country),* 8 p.m., $5.

Crystola Roadhouse, *Mike Nelson (blues),* 6 p.m.

Holy Cow, *Jay-Koh (rock/pop),* 8 p.m.

Jack Quinn's, *Brian Clancy (world),* 7:30 p.m.

Meadow Muffins, *The Nocturnal*

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Tomatoes (rock/pop), 8 p.m., *DJ Tony G (dance)*, 8 p.m.

Motif, *Joe Uveges Trio (blues),* 7:15 p.m.

Pale Horse, *Ladies Night, feat. DJ Fade (dance)*, 9 p.m.

Park East, *Sarah Wood & Theo DeCenzo (acoustic),* 7 p.m.

Penrose Room, *Penrose Room Trio with Lila Mori (jazz),* 6:30 p.m.

Rasta King, *Robby Red Locks & the Reggae Time Machine (world),* 7 p.m.

Rico's, *John Wise & Susan Rissman (acoustic),* 6:30 p.m.

Ritz, *DJ Serge (dance),* 9 p.m.

Stargazers, *Elephant Revival (folk),* 9 p.m., $20-$25.

Tavern at The Broadmoor, *Tavern Orchestra with Lewis Mock (rock/pop),* 8:30 p.m.

Friday 11/30

Adam's, *Bobby Jackson (acoustic),* 9 a.m.

Ancient Mariner, *Jon Hogan & Maria Moss (acoustic),* 8 p.m.

Benny's, *Neighborhood Bully (rock/pop),* 8 p.m.

Black Sheep, *A Benefit for Sophie Valdez, feat. Malakai, Vital Malice, Inelements (metal)*, 7:30 p.m., $7.

Broadmoor Academy of Music, *Friday Jazz Jam Session (jazz),* 7 p.m.

Cleats, *Famous Curve (rock/pop),* 9 p.m.

Crystola Roadhouse, *Theresa Lynn (blues),* 8 p.m.

Cucuru Gallery Café, *Rocky Gene Wallace and Brotherhood (blues),* 7 p.m.

Dale Street Café, *John Wise (blues),* 6 p.m.

Fujiyama, *Barbara Ernst/Mistura Bela (world),* 7 p.m.

Jack Quinn's, *The Stubby Shillelaghs (world),* 9:30 p.m.

Kasey's, *Friday Nights with DJ Panther (R&B),* 9 p.m.

The Loft, *Bekah Wagner (folk),* 9 p.m., $8-$10.

Margarita at PineCreek, *Mango Fan Django (jazz),* 6:30 p.m.

McCabe's Tavern, *The Mighty Kingsnakes (blues),* 8 p.m.

Meadow Muffins, *40 oz. Freedom Fighters (rock/pop),* 9 p.m. *DeeJay-Bee (dance)*, 9 p.m.

Motif, *Steve Draper Trio (jazz),* 7:45 p.m.

Penrose Room, *Penrose Room Trio with Lila Mori (jazz),* 6:30 p.m.

Red Martini, *"Skip" Barry Moore (jazz),* 8 p.m.

Rico's, *Nick Davey (acoustic),* 7:30 p.m.

Ritz, *DJ Party Marty (hip-hop),* 9 p.m.

Sky Box Lounge, *Jeff "Fitty" Smith (acoustic),* 7 p.m.

Sonterra, *John Stone (acoustic),* 7 p.m.

Stargazers, *Echos of the Platters (R&B),* 8 p.m., $17-$22.

Steaksmith, *Doug Zinn & Vivian Gail (jazz),* 6:30 p.m.

Sunshine Studios, *The Last Savior of God, Fighting the Phoenix, Silence the Living (metal)*, 6:30 p.m.

Tavern at The Broadmoor, *Tavern Orchestra with Lewis Mock (rock/pop),* 8:30 p.m.

Thirsty Parrot, *Cirque Du DeeJay (dance),* 9 p.m.

Townhouse, *Charlie Crider (rock/pop),* 8 p.m.

Triple Nickel, *Instant Empire, Foster (rock/pop)*, 7 p.m.

V Bar, *DJ Gravity (dance),* 9 p.m.

Wyatt's, *Rick Stahl (acoustic),* 8 p.m.

Zodiac, *The A-Holes, Disguise the Spy, TBI (rock/pop)*, 9 p.m., $5.

Saturday 12/1

Benny's, *Roots and Rhythm (R&B),* 8 p.m.

Black Sheep, *Mac Lethal, SplYt, A Black Day (hip-hop),* 8 p.m., $12-$14.

Carey-On, *Exit West (country),* 8 p.m.

Cleats, *Famous Curve (rock/pop),* 9 p.m.

Crystola Roadhouse, *The Nocturnal Tomatoes (rock/pop),* 8 p.m.

Dale Street Café, *John Wise (blues),* 6 p.m.

Front Range, *Jenn Rawlings & Basho Parks (folk),* 7:30 p.m.

Fujiyama, *DJ Ron Perry (jazz),* 6 p.m.

Lounge in the Village, *One Night Stand (dance),* 8 p.m.

Meadow Muffins, *DJ Tony G (dance),* 8 p.m., *Chauncy Crandall (Americana)*, 9 p.m.

Penrose Room, *Penrose Room Trio with Lila Mori (jazz),* 6:30 p.m.

Pikes Peak Brewing, *Mark's Midnight Carnival Show (indie),* 7 p.m.

Russ' Place, *Dave German (acoustic),* 7 p.m.

Silver Tongue Devil, *Torment Faktory, with Hydrogen Skyline (metal)*, 8 p.m.

Sonterra, *John Stone (acoustic),* 7 p.m.

Stargazers, *Boogie Machine (dance),* 8 p.m., $10.

Steaksmith, *The Other Band (rock/pop),* 6:30 p.m.

Tavern at The Broadmoor, *Tavern Orchestra with Lewis Mock (rock/pop),* 8:30 p.m.

Triple Nickel, *Black Pussy (rock/pop),* 9 p.m., $3.

V Bar, *DJ Gravity (dance),* 9 p.m.

Sunday 12/2

Jack Quinn's, *Traditional Irish Session (world),* 3 p.m.

The Loft, *Seth Glier (acoustic),* 7 p.m., $9-$10.

Retired Enlisted Association, *Blues Jam with the Tracy Quinn Band (rock/pop),* 3 p.m.

Stargazers, *Front Range Jazz Lab (jazz),* 7 p.m., $12-$15.

Tavern at The Broadmoor, *Tavern Orchestra with Lewis Mock (rock/pop),* 8:30 p.m.

Tony's, *Sunday Shenanigans, with NateStarr and TaylorLee (dance)*, 9:30 p.m.

Monday 12/3

Crystola Roadhouse, *Rosalie and Mike (rock/pop),* 5 p.m.

Marika's, *The South Path Ramblers (rock/pop),* 6:30 p.m.

Shovelhead, *Shovelhead Blues Jam (blues),* 7 p.m.

Zodiac, *Open Mic hosted by Andrea Stone,* 7 p.m.

Tuesday 12/4

Adam's, *Wayne Hammerstadt (acoustic),* 6:30 p.m.

Meadow Muffins, *John Austin (Americana),* 7 p.m.

Rudiments, *Open Mic (acoustic),* 7 p.m.

Thirsty's, *Jam Night (acoustic),* 8 p.m.

Townhouse, *Open Mic (acoustic),* 9 p.m.

Zodiac, *Goth Nite with DJ Raid (dance),* 9 p.m.

Kreayshawn brings her West Coast hip-hop to Boulder's Fox Theatre Dec. 5.

BigGigs

The Faceless, Black Sheep, Nov. 28 • **Echos of the Platters**, Stargazers Theatre and Event Center, Nov. 30 • ***Brulé: Red Nativity***, Pikes Peak Center, Dec. 1 • **Mac Lethal**, Black Sheep, Dec. 1 • **Dikki Du & the Zydeco Krewe,** Front Range Barbeque, Dec. 5 • **Kreayshawn,** Fox Theatre, Boulder, Dec. 5 • **Never Shout Never**, Black Sheep, Dec. 7 • **NOFX**, Fillmore Auditorium, Denver, Dec. 7 • **John Tesh**, USAFA's Arnold Hall, Dec. 7 • **40 oz. to Freedom**, Black Sheep, Dec. 8 • **Eoto**, Fillmore Auditorium, Denver, Dec. 8 • **ZZ Ward,** Black Sheep, Dec. 9 • **Lamb of God**, Fillmore Auditorium, Denver, Dec. 10 • **Corey Smith**, Stargazers Theatre and Event Center, Dec. 13 • **Texas Hippie Coalition**, Black Sheep, Dec. 14 • **"The Acoustic Ninja" Trace Bundy & Josh Garrels**, Stargazers Theatre and Event Center, Dec. 15 • **Craig Morgan & Phil Vassar**, Pikes Peak Center, Dec. 15 • **Boys Noize Live**, Fillmore Auditorium, Denver, Dec. 18 • **Clutch, Texas Hippie Coalition**, Fillmore Auditorium, Denver, Dec. 21 • **Krizz Kaliko**, Black Sheep, Dec. 21 • **Black P,** Black Sheep, Dec. 22 • **The Beach Boys**, Pikes Peak Center, Dec. 28 • **Elephant Revival**, Stargazers Theatre and Event Center, Dec. 28-29 • **STS9**, Fillmore Auditorium, Denver, Dec. 29-31 • **John Gorka**, Stargazers Theatre and Event Center, Jan. 4 • **Father John Misty**, Black Sheep, Jan. 5 • **Reverend Horton Heat**, Black Sheep, Jan. 18 • **Blackberry Smoke**, Summit Music Hall, Denver, Jan. 19 • **Tribal Seeds**, Black Sheep, Jan. 23 • **Switchback**, Stargazers Theatre and Event Center, Jan. 26 • **The Toasters**, Black Sheep, Jan. 28 • **Carrie Underwood**, World Arena, Feb. 13 • **Savoy**, Boulder Theater, Boulder, Feb. 23 •

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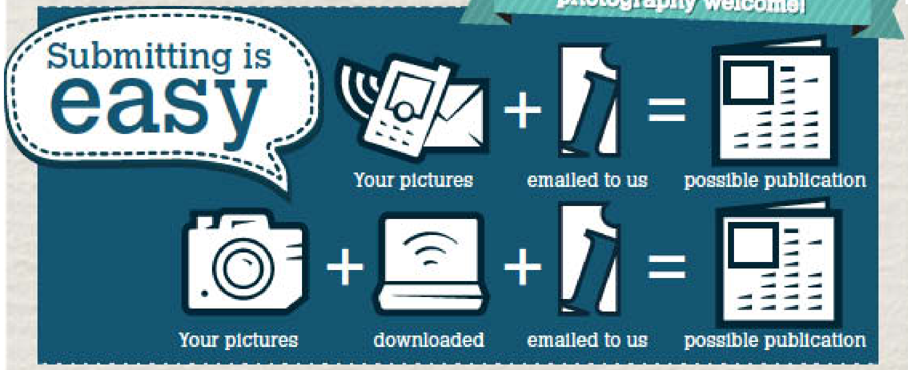

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Season of the bitch

Halestorm's Lzzy Hale crashes heavy metal's boys club

By Tom Lanham

Lzzy Hale and her percussionist kid brother Arejay weren't always the molten metalheads they are today in the group Halestorm, swears vocalist/guitarist Hale, one of the most feral females in modern rock. No, as teenagers the Red Lion, Penn. siblings released their very first EP, *Don't Mess With the Time Man*, in a much less menacing genre.

Lzzy plus Halestorms: 'You can pretty much write a song about anything.'

"Do you remember a band called Vanilla Fudge?" Hale asks. "It was kind of like that meets '90s pop music. Especially considering that my main instruments at the time were piano, an old Fender Rhodes, and keytar. We wore our influences on our sleeve back in the day. We still do."

In retrospect, Hale chuckles at the record's over-ambitious themes. "The concept of the Time Man was funny, because it was inspired by a dream I had about this guy that makes you feel guilty for all of your past mistakes, but he lived in an elevator. So that proved one important thing to me — that you can pretty much write a song about *anything*."

On the band's recent sophomore set, *The Strange Case of ...*, Hale snarls Gothic-shadowed power-chorders like "Mz. Hyde" and "Daughters of Darkness," replete with the spooky imagery that's been heavy metal's calling card since vintage Iron Maiden. But where she really excels is snarky tongue-in-cheek tracks like "Love Bites (So Do I)" and "You Call Me a Bitch Like It's a Bad Thing," which turn the AC/DC double-entendre-shtick on its sexist ear.

"And I'm proud of that!" boasts Hale. "So in a lot of ways, I was definitely meant to do this. And if I *wasn't* meant to do this, well, I'm not that great at anything else. So it better work out, right?"

So far, so good. Especially at a time when there just aren't that many women playing heavy metal.

"And the ones that are? You can't tell if they're a girl or a guy most times!" Hale says. "So I dunno — I think it's a couple of things. There's only a handful of *any* type of girl in music per generation. It's hard for us to really make a name for ourselves. And also, girls are not *encouraged* to do that — to lead this type of lifestyle that's unpredictable and a little dangerous at times. Guys grow up and are encouraged to do whatever, because they're guys, while girls are encouraged to marry their high school sweetheart, have kids by a certain age, and get the house with the white picket fence. It takes guts to carve out your own path."

> **'I was definitely meant to do this.'**

Fortunately, the Hales' parents were diehard rockers. Their dad was a bass player, and their mom forced them to watch music flicks like *Help!*, *A Hard Day's Night*, and even *This Is Spinal Tap* as toddlers. "So we definitely caught the bug early," says Hale. "But it wasn't until I was 13 that I decided 'Hey, I think I can actually *do* this!'"

Enter *Time Man*, copies of which now go for a premium price on eBay, notes Hale. "It's definitely still out there, floating around somewhere," she says of her cheesy debut. "And I know my mom still has a coupla copies salted away. You can always ask her for one!"

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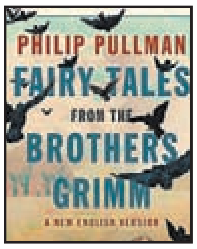
CAPSULE

Halestorm, with Eve to Adam, Glass Delirium
Thursday, Nov. 29, 7 p.m.
Summit Music Hall, 1902 Blake St., Denver
Sold out; tickets may be available from online sources.

ShortStories

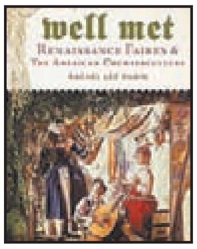
Fairy Tales From the Brothers Grimm
Philip Pullman



Viking Adult, $27.95/hardcover

There's no doubt about Philip Pullman's ability to write a compelling tale — the trilogy of novels making up *His Dark Materials* would be proof enough. Here, he takes stories so old that we don't even truly know where they came from, as gathered by the Brothers Grimm in the 19th century, and re-tells them in a way that makes them even more compelling for the modern reader. If you don't think these stories should be "messed with," you're in need of correction; what Pullman presents here is on a par with Anne Sexton's poems based on fairy tales in 1971's *Transformations*. He doesn't shy away from the violence at the heart of these stories, or the dark world-view from which they're told. It's that world-view, in fact, that is the most timeless thing of all, since we've retained the nasty and brutal bits as our culture has evolved. — ***Kel Munger***

Well Met
Rachel Lee Rubin



NYU Press, $35/hardcover

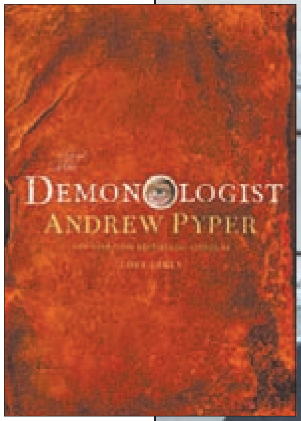
Now that we've got the guys from *The Big Bang Theory* dressing up for 'em, the whole world knows about Renaissance Faires, those gatherings of fans of the non-indoor-plumbing, rough-spun past that make such great Sunday getaways. In *Well Met: Renaissance Faires & the American Counterculture*, Rachel Lee Rubin, a professor at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, looks at the 50-year history of the faires, which started as a haven for unworldly hippy types, then evolved into an entire subculture. She's less concerned with the role-playing aspects (though the Society for Creative Anachronism and other literalists are covered) than with the way the faire became a counter-cultural space that felt safe for those in the mainstream. In other words, how did all those weirdos make a place that's great to visit with your kids? Rubin's book is a trailblazer. — ***Kel Munger***

FinePrint

Faces of death

Canadian author lures readers, and pushes boundaries, by melding demons and du Maurier

By Bret Wright



Multi-published Andrew Pyper comes to Colorado College Dec. 5.

When you think of thriller novels, perhaps you don't normally think of them as literature. The latter is often described as examining the human condition — how we adapt to change, and how we live and shape our lives according to (or in spite of) our environment.

Of his writing, Canadian author Andrew Pyper says, "It's the same territory." But often, he says, his stories of haunted houses and haunted people get pigeonholed as something else.

"Some people check off certain boxes, and when they get to a specific number of them, say, 'There! It's genre fiction!'" he says. "But I think literature can contain demons, even of the supernatural kind."

Pyper's *The Demonologist*, due out in March, involves a Columbia University professor who specializes in John Milton's *Paradise Lost* and other works focused on a demonic underworld. When his 12-year-old daughter disappears, he must figure out how to save her from the very type of beings he's never accepted as real.

What you take from the tale — from social commentary to literary elements to simple thrills — is up to you.

CAPSULE

Colorado College Visiting Writers Series presents Andrew Pyper

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m.

CC's Gates Common Room, third floor of Palmer Hall, 1025 N. Cascade Ave.

Free; for more, call 389-6607 or visit coloradocollege.edu.

"Some people will read a story and enjoy it as a story," he says, "while others will notice the characters and plot. I bring everything I have to my writing. There's no dumbing down."

As Pyper prepares to speak on Dec. 5 at Colorado College, as part of the institution's Visiting Writers Series, he's looking forward to discussing how he believes the lines separating commercial publishing genres are blurring and changing.

In general, Pyper says, reading practices tend to be shifting among adult markets. More people are reading young adult novels such as *The Hunger Games*. In fact, the popularity of YA fiction is such that some publishers and agents are calling for a genre called New Adult Fiction. "Is there still a high culture and a low culture?" asks Pyper. "The lines are blurring. Do we even need that hierarchy any more?"

It's a good question considering that the author has been likened to a blend between iconic mainstream horror writer Stephen King and literary grand dame Daphne du Maurier.

After completing law school (on top of a master's in English), Pyper decided to take a year off to write, and never looked back. The result, he said, was 1999's "legal-thriller-literary-ghost-story" *Lost Girls*, which became a *New York Times* best-seller. It was meant to be thrilling and sometimes scary, he says, "but where do you put these kinds of books?"

Years later, the truth is that it's mostly in marketing where genre labels continue to fall short. Crossover fiction itself is clearly becoming more and more common, which is fortuitous for a writer like him — *The Demonologist* will be his seventh published work.

"I'm lucky to be able to make a living writing. I know that," Pyper admits. He never set out to support himself this way, but was always obsessed with telling stories.

"In first grade I would write in the air with an air pencil. It annoyed my mother so much she started following me around with an air eraser," he says, laughing. "But I've landed here, and I like it here."

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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PIKES PEAK REGION

The Christmas Mouse on Holiday, a new story in the Christmas Mouse series, in which a new mouse comes to the family home and turns traditions upside down. Dec. 1-22. $10. Millibo Art Theatre, 1367 Pecan St., 465-6321, themat.org.

ArtEvents

"The Art of Sellable Art: A Workshop," a class on how to attend to the business side of being an artist, from building a customer base to connecting with individual buyers. Thurs., Nov. 29, 6 p.m. $55. Mountain Living Studio, 741 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-0225, mountainlivingstudio.com.

Colorado Expressions Opening Celebration, a celebration of this new gallery that offers Colorado-made artwork, jewelry and more. Fri., Nov. 30, 3-7 p.m. Colorado Expressions, 122 E. Kiowa St., 258-9168, coexpressions.com.

Concrete Couch seeks volunteers to help the nonprofit craft two mosaic panels at Will Rogers Elementary School. Wednesdays, Thursdays, 8-10 a.m.; through Dec. 5. 110 S. Circle Drive, 439-6623, joel@concretecouch.org, d11.org/rogers.

"KoKo" Unveiling, a celebration of this completed sculpture by the artist and owner of Iron Impressions Welding (127 W. Mill St.), Lowell Jay Abbott, who was diagnosed with stage four stomach and esophageal cancer. Sun., Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m. to noon. 578-1346.

"Sound Crossing: From the Singing of the Waves Into the Heart of the Earth Image-Music-Text," a program from composer Pamela Madsen. Sat., Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. UCCS' Centennial Hall, 1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., uccs.edu.

"The World Electroacoustic Listening Room Project," a program from acclaimed composer Pamela Madsen, featuring video works from International Call for Works 2012. Fri., Nov. 30, 3-6 p.m. Free. UCCS' University Center, 1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., uccs.edu.

ArtExhibits

Academy Frame Company, 7620 N. Academy Blvd., 265-6694, academyframeco.com. *Under the Influence*, an exhibition of the watercolor and mixed-media work of Carol Naylor, Gayle Higgins and Jan Hunt-Dawson. Through Dec. 31.

Arati Artists Gallery, 2425 W. Colorado Ave., 323-3935, deed@aurawoods.com, aurawoods.com. *A Stroke of Color*, a collection of light-filled watercolor paintings from Larry Haught and Lorraine Watry. Through Nov. 29.

Art Hardware, 402 S. Nevada Ave., 635-2348, scannonart.com. *Work by Shirley Cannon*. Through Dec. 30.

Bemis School of Art, 818 Pelham Place, 475-2444, csfineartscenter.org. *Annual Teacher's Art Sale*, a collection of ceramics, paintings, jewelry and more. Nov. 30 to Dec. 2.

The Bridge Gallery, 218 W. Colorado Ave., thebridgeartgallery.com. *Orpheus and Other Myths — Recent Collages by Dave Armstrong*, a series of "surreal collages" from Armstrong's forthcoming book based on the story of Orpheus, "along with some detours into mythology and other hard-to-believe stuff." Through Dec. 2.

Business of Art Center, 513 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-1861, thebac.org. *Art for a New Start*, a show of artwork donated for families who lost their homes in the Waldo Canyon Fire. Selections are on a first-come, first-served basis. Nov. 30 to Dec. 2. Opening reception for families and donors, Fri., Nov. 30, 6-9 p.m. *Handmade Holiday*, a show and sale of hand-crafted artwork and crafts from locals, with live music, warm beverages and cookies and other holiday entertainment. Saturdays, Sundays; through Dec. 25.

CC's Coburn Gallery, Worner Campus Center, 902 N. Cascade Ave., 389-6606, theideaspace.com. *Laura Ben-Amots: Battle Portraits*, an updated version of Ben-Amots' powerful series of paintings based on interviews she held with wounded veterans. Nov. 29 to Dec. 18. Reception and IDEA Cabaret Conversation, Thurs., Nov. 29, 4:30 p.m.

Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St., 634-5581, csfineartscenter.org. *A Mural in the Making*, a look at the process — through drawings, pictures, video and more — that two artists, Eric Bransby and Trevor Thomas, went through to create the museum's new mural. Through Jan. 6. *Floyd D. Tunson: Son of Pop*, a career-spanning exhibition of the works of longtime Palmer High School art instructor, and celebrated artist, Floyd Tunson. Through Jan. 20.

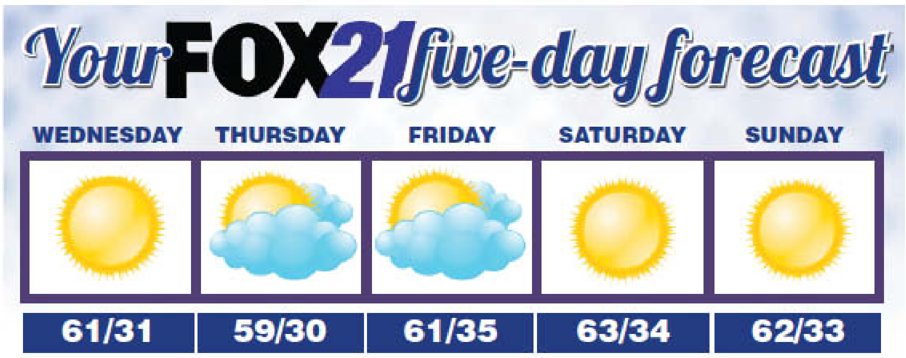
Coutura Design Inspirations, 6380 Corporate Center Circle, 636-3000, manitouspringsartscouncil.org. *Colors of Change*, an exhibit spanning many visual art media, including painting, sculpture, graphic art and pottery, geared to engage and inspire. Through Feb. 28.

GOCA 121, 121 S. Tejon St., #100, 255-3504, galleryuccs.org. *Jay Shinn: Illuminated*, a solo show by Shinn, who works with paint, metal, light and neon to create works that "defy our notions of space and perception." Through Dec. 14.

Mardosz Fine Art Gallery, 109 S. Corona St., mardoszfineart.com. *Miniatures Show*, a series of small paintings by Chuck Mardosz, Eric Michaels, Richard Dahlquist and Dean Mabe. Through Dec. 31.

Sangre de Cristo Arts Center, 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., Pueblo, 719/295-7200, sdc-arts.org. *Own Your Own Art Show & Sale*, Sangre's annual art bonanza, with walls filled top to bottom with reasonably priced artwork for the holidays. Through Dec. 29.

Soirée, 1003 S. Tejon St., 633-8313, coloradospringsvenue.com. *Momentum*, a solo show of new abstract paintings focused on meditative spaces, as well as a series "inspired by walking meditation labyrinths." Through Dec. 31.



Stargazers Theatre and Event Center, 10 S. Parkside Drive, 476-2200, stargazerstheatre.com. *Not Your Grandma's Quilts*, an exhibition by Colorado Springs Fiber Artists, a collective whose work pushes the boundaries of traditional textile art in new and exciting directions. Through Jan. 15.

Auditions&Entries

Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center seeks submissions of new scripts for its April program, *Rough Writers: A New Play Fest*. *Rough Writers* will feature new scripts based on three works of art in the museum. After the Fest, the winning play will be staged during the FAC Theatre Company's 2013-2014 season. More information available online. Submissions due: Feb. 14. Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St., 634-5581, roughwriters@csfineartscenter.org, csfineartscenter.org.

Forestgate Theatre is now casting roles for maturing adults, young adults, teens and children over 8 for an April production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Visit website for details and to sign up for audition times. Thurs., Nov. 29 and Sat., Dec. 1. Forestgate Theatre, 970 Northgate Blvd., 216-3192, forestgatetheatre.org.

Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District seeks community members eager to preserve and promote Pikes Peak Library District by serving on the board of directors. Go online for more info and to download the application. 531-6333 ext. 1008, friendsppld.org.

The Modbo seeks artwork for its upcoming *Fifth Annual Small Works Show*. All art must be under 24 inches in each dimension, including the frame. They must also be wired and ready to hang. Intake will be Sat., Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. $3 fee. Modbo, 17C E. Bijou St., 633-4240, themodbo@gmail.com, themodbo.wordpress.com.

THEATREdART will hold auditions for a variety of roles for its upcoming production of *Marisol* by José Rivera. Auditions will be held Mon., Dec. 10 and Tues., Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. E-mail missannafaye@yahoo.com to set up an appointment. THEATREdART, 128 N. Nevada Ave., 357-8321, tinyurl.com/cwyfy7p.

Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts seeks entries for its January exhibition entitled *From the Earth: Fine Art in Wood and Clay*. Entries due by Dec. 21. Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake, 481-0475, trilakesarts.org.

Clubs&Organizations

Ella Mae Bransom Association Meetings, gatherings to work for the improvement of the quality of health and life of local families and individuals affected by sickle cell and related diseases. First Saturday of every month, 10:30 a.m. Southeast YMCA, 2190 Jet Wing Drive, 596-7308, ppymca.org/southeast-family-center.

Investment Club, a night of snacks, beverages and discussion of financial opportunities, led by a professional financial advisor. Enjoy two free meetings before joining. First Tuesday of every month, 6:15 p.m. $20. Rocky Mountain Community Land Trust, 1212 W. Colorado Ave., 447-9300, rmclt.org.

MMJ-Patient Meeting, an open gathering from Coloradans 4 Cannabis Patient Rights. Last Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m. Free. Lofty's, 287 E. Fountain Blvd., #100, 271-8430, c4cpr.org.

MS Support Groups, offering five support groups around the region for those living with MS and their caregivers. For locations and information call 633-4603. Multiple Sclerosis Alliance of Southern Colorado, 1322 N. Academy Blvd., #119, 633-4603, msasoco.org.

National Organization of the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Colorado Springs, a support group for families of persons with mental illness. First and third Tuesday of every month, 7-8:30 p.m. NAMI Office, 510 E. Willamette Ave., 473-8477, namicoloradosprings.org.

Networking Groups, Pikes Peak Job Search Networking Group meets Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon. 50+ Job Seekers Group meets Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon. Free. Citizens Service Center, 1675 Garden of the Gods Road, 636-0000, dhs.elpasoco.com.

Sons of Italy Pikes Peak, a monthly meeting of the service and advocacy organization for people of Italian descent. Held at VFW Post 101 (702 S. Tejon St.). First Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. 481-8623.

WomenHeart Support Group, a brown-bag lunch gathering of women living with, or at risk for, heart disease. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 5-6 p.m. Free. Penrose Hospital Main, 2222 N. Nevada Ave., 200-2645, womenheart.org.

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Comedy&Improv

No Laughing Matter, a fundraiser for the daughter of comedian Chris "Crazy Legs" Fonseca, who will perform with Baglady Sue, Vincent Vigil and Lloyd Woodby. Wed., Nov. 28, 7 p.m. $10. Loonee's Comedy Corner, 1305 N. Academy Blvd., 591-0707, loonees.com.

RiP Improv Comedy, Nov. 30 to Dec. 1, 8 p.m. $12. Millibo Art Theatre, 1367 Pecan St., 465-6321, themat.org.

SevenOneLiners, a free evening of improv comedy. Thurs., Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m. Sundance Mountain Lodge, 1865 Woodmoor Drive, Monument, 800/567-4102.

Steve Mudflap McGrew, Nov. 29 to Dec. 1. $2-$10, two-item minimum. Loonee's Comedy Corner, 1305 N. Academy Blvd., 591-0707, loonees.com.

Concerts

Colorado College Choir and Chamber Chorus Concert, a show from these combined choirs, as well as an orchestra, under the direction of Deborah Teske. Featuring selections by Bach, Gabrieli, Brahms and others. Fri., Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. Free. CC's Shove Memorial Chapel, 1010 N. Nevada Ave., 389-6607, coloradocollege.edu.

Ed Nuccio and the New Horizons Band, an evening of old favorites and new soloists with the jazz and chamber music ensemble. Fri., Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. First Evangelical Free Church, 820 N. 30th St., 460-7352, rmekmk@msn.com.

Friends House Concerts, Cheryl Wheeler, Sun., Dec. 9, 7 p.m. ($30). Payment should be checks made out to Friends House Concerts. house-concerts.org.

George Sisneros Band, a performance from the group, featuring appetizers and drinks. Fri., Nov. 30, 7 p.m. $25. Inn at Palmer Divide, 443 S. Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake, 481-1800, innatpalmerdivide.com.

Phil Volan, Joe Uveges, Joleen Bell, a concert from the singer-songwriters. Fri., Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. $12. Unity Church in the Rockies, 1945 Mesa Road, 471-4556, unityrockies.org.

***A Season of Firsts* December Concert,** a performance by the Pikes Peak Philharmonic, featuring music by Tchaikovsky and Anderson. Sun., Dec. 2, 3 p.m. $8-$10. Sand Creek High School, 7005 N. Carefree Circle, 685-6468, pikespeakphil.org.

Veronika String Quartet, the latest in the *Around the World With the String Quartet* concert series. Featuring the work of Austrian composers including Mozart, Webern and Beethoven. Sun., Dec. 2, 2 p.m. $10-15. Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St., 671-7374, veronikastringquartet.com.

World AIDS Day Christian Concert, an impressive lineup of local Christian musicians, to benefit the Southern Colorado AIDS Project food pantry. Free admission with a donation of a non-perishable food item. Sat., Dec. 1, 7 p.m. Westside Community Center, 1628 W. Bijou St., 632-9394, springsgov.com.

DancePerformances

PICK 1 ***The Nutcracker,*** a traditional holiday show by the Sangre de Cristo Ballet. Nov. 29 to Dec. 2. $10. Sangre de Cristo Arts Center, 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., Pueblo, 719/295-7200, sdc-arts.org.

Soul Mechanics, a "public jam session" from the local break-dancing crew. Mondays, Wednesdays, 9 p.m. Ormao Dance Company, 10 S. Spruce St., 471-9759, ormaodance.org.

DanceParties&Classes

Colorado Ballroom, basic instruction and dance time to the waltz, rumba, polka and more. Come at 7 p.m. for a beginners class. No partner or experience required. First and third Saturday of every month, 7:30-9:30 p.m. $3-$5. The Carriage Stop, 2700 W. Robinson St., 598-8624, roncounts.com.

CommuniDance, a free-form dance group. Saturdays, 9-10 a.m. and Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. By donation. Movement Arts Community Studio, 525 E. Fountain Blvd., #150, 963-1809, movementartscs.com.

Scottish Country Dance, held on the lower level. Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. $5, first class free. International Dance Club, 2422 Busch Ave., 310-1784, internationaldanceclub.org.

Swing in the Springs, beginner and intermediate swing dance classes covering a variety of styles, followed by a free East Coast Swing class and a DJed dance. Casual dress, but no street shoes. Sundays, 7:30-10 p.m. $6. VFW Hall, 430 E. Pikes Peak Ave., 210-4697, swinginthesprings.com.

Tango Lessons, offering lessons Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Cucuru Gallery Café, 2332 W. Colorado Ave., 520-9900, cucurugallerycafe.com.

Film

NT Live: *Timon of Athens,* two HD screenings of the National Theatre of Great Britain's performances of this Shakespeare work, considered one of the Bard's most obscure and difficult plays. Sat., Dec. 1, noon and Sun., Dec. 2, 4 p.m. $13-$15. UCCS' Dusty Loo Bon Vivant Theater, 3955 Regent Circle, 255-3232, theatreworkscs.org.

Food&Drink

Allergy-Friendly Food Workshop, a class focusing on making rice-free sushi, seaweed salad, kelp noodle bowls and more. Sat., Dec. 1, 2-5 p.m. $45. The Woman's Club, 20 Mesa Road, 650-5124.

Dinner with Our Chef in the Kitchen, a five-course dinner with wine prepared by Chef Larissa Warner. Reservations required. Thursdays, 7 p.m. $35 per person. Garden of the Gods Gourmet, 2528 W. Cucharras St., 471-2799, godsgourmet.net.

FUNdamentals in Wine Series, an educational series on wine fundamentals with wine, instruction and paired snacks. Reservations required, and can be made through Women for WineSense's website. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 5:30 p.m. $35. Soirée Events & Celebrations, 1003 A&B S. Tejon St., 351-7191, womenforwinesense.org.

Holiday Wine Pairing 101, an intro into food and wine pairings with two sommeliers, with five small dishes paired by Craftwood Executive Chef Brother Luck with two wines to taste, each. RSVP to attend. Wed., Nov. 28, 5:30 p.m. $19. Craftwood Inn, 404 El Paso Blvd., Manitou Springs, 685-9000, craftwood.com.

Keenan Wine Dinner, a five-course dinner featuring a number of acclaimed wines from Robert Keenan Winery. Thurs., Nov. 29. $85. The Famous, 31 N. Tejon St., 227-7333, thefamoussteakhouse.net.

Spice Route Revisited, a wine tasting dinner with the Margarita's Chef Eric and Dirk from the Wine Seller, featuring seven courses of globally inspired small plates and expertly paired wines. Call for reservations. Tues., Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m. $60. Margarita at PineCreek, 7350 Pine Creek Road, 598-8667, coloradoeats.com/margarita/home.html.

GetInvolved

Empty Bowls Benefit Dinner, a fundraiser for Care & Share with delicious soup, live jazz and choral music and a hand-crafted ceramic bowl to take home at the end of the evening. Fri., Nov. 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m. $15. Rampart High School, 8250 Lexington Drive, 234-2077.

Green Bag Lunch-n-Learn — "What to know for required residential electronics recycling in 2013," starting next year, electronic waste will no longer be permitted in landfills, so learn how to safely dispose of your electronics, how the ban will create jobs, and more, from Drew Johnson of Blue Star Recyclers, which safely disposes and recycles electronics and employs a staff with various disabilities. Thurs., Nov. 29, 12:11 p.m. Free. City Administration Building, 30 S. Nevada Ave., 385-2746, tinyurl.com/abp9fe9.

Holiday Mail for Heroes, a chance for everyone to say thanks and send encouragement to soldiers away from home for the holidays by sending cards to P.O. Box 5456, Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456. Sponsored by the American Red Cross; see website for instructions. Through Dec. 7. redcross.org/holidaymail.

The Mountain Post's Santa's Workshop seeks new, unwrapped toys to be gifted to kids on Fort Carson. Drop-off locations are at UMB Bank, 5 Star Bank, Peterson AFB Central Bank & Trust and other locations. Through Dec. 1. 704-9120, mtnpostsantsworkshop@gmail.com.

OneMain Financial seeks new, unwrapped toys for its annual Toys for Tots drive. Donors can drop off their contributions at the OneMain Financial branch (1736 W Uintah St.) and receive a thank-you gift while supplies last. Through Nov. 30. 471-9179.

World AIDS Day: A Community Collaborative, a chance for middle school and high school students to raise awareness and get involved. Featuring breakout sessions, music and dance performances, and a lively discussion facilitated by Colorado Springs' own Dr. Watson. Sat., Dec. 1, 12-1:30 p.m. Hillside Community Center, 925 S. Institute St., 574-5435, facebook.com.

Health&Healing

Narcotics Anonymous, Second and Fourth Wednesday of every month, 6-7 p.m. The Pride Center, 2508 E. Bijou St.

PTSD Peer-Led Support Group, for the spouses or significant others of veterans or current military personnel suffering with PTSD. Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. Veterans' Affairs Clinic, 25 N. Spruce St., #207, 685-1965.

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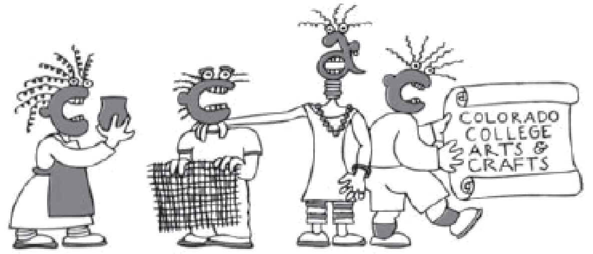

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100 for $100, a holiday art show featuring original works by Tracy Miller, Coni Grant, Patti Filler, Laura Reilly and more. Also held in Fare Bella. Nov. 30 to Dec. 31. Opening reception, Fri., Nov. 30, 6 p.m. Tracy Miller Studio Gallery, 16 Ruxton Ave., Manitou Springs, 650-0827, tracymillerfineart.com.

15th Annual Holiday Headframe Lighting, a true frontier holiday tradition featuring the 1890s-vintage headframes of the mines around Cripple Creek and Victor all lit up now through New Year's. Take a self-guided tour or visit either of the historic towns for a variety of seasonal activities — visit the website for tour map or e-mail for more information. Weekend nights only, weather permitting. Through Dec. 31. 689-2675, stcfg@victorcolorado.com, victorcolorado.com.

Annual Holiday Open House and Wreath Show, held at the Dancing Fox Art Gallery, 316 N. 25th St. Nov. 30 to Dec. 2. 322-1581.

Bavarian Christmas, a fundraiser for the philharmonic-supporting Colorado Springs Symphonic Guild, featuring dinner, music and unique auction items. RSVP by Dec. 5 for the Dec. 12, 5:30 p.m. event. $55-$60. Edelweiss, 34 E. Ramona Ave., 633-2220, guild.csphilharmonic.org.

Bending Towards the Light, an inclusive nativity combining theater and jazz from an all-local cast. Dec. 1-3, 7:30 p.m. $20-$45. Broadmoor Community Church, 315 Lake Ave., 471-1834, towardsthelight.us.

A Christmas Carol, a puppet production of the classic Dickens tale, featuring all hand-made marionettes. Through Dec. 31. Simpich Showcase, 2413 W. Colorado Ave., 465-2492, simpich.com.

Christmas Madrigal Dinner, a five-course meal with medieval holiday music, entertainment and dancing. Held Thursdays through Saturdays; reservations required. Dec. 1-22. $99. Glen Eyrie Conference Center, 3820 N. 30th St.

Christmas Memories, a performance by the Arkansas River Chorus. The 7 p.m. show will include six quartets from local high schools. Held at First United Methodist Church in Pueblo, 310 W. 11th St. Sat., Dec. 1, 2 and 7 p.m. 980-1426, 254-7040, arkansasriverchorus.org.

A Christmas Story, a live performance of the holiday film classic. Nov. 29 to Dec. 23. $15-$37. Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, 30 W. Dale St., 634-5583, csfineartscenter.org.

Colorado Springs Children's Chorale: *'Tis the Season Holiday Forecast,* a concert by the Chorale, with special guests the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony, the Taiko Society and the Colorado Springs Ballet Society. Sun., Dec. 2, 3 p.m. $10-$22. Pikes Peak Center, 190 S. Cascade Ave., 520-7469, pikespeakcenter.com.

PICK **Colorado Springs Youth Symphony: *Waltzing Through the Holidays,*** an evening of holiday music from *The Nutcracker* and more. Fri., Nov. 30, 8 p.m. $18-$20. Pikes Peak Center, 190 S. Cascade Ave., 520-7469, pikespeakcenter.com.

A Cripple Creek Christmas Carol, a production of this original play that debuted at the Butte in 2002. The show will be followed by a Christmas olio. Nov. 30 to Dec. 30. $8.25-$13.25. Butte Theater, 139 E. Bennett Ave., Cripple Creek, buttetheater.com.

December Magic, a holiday handbell concert from the Pinnacle Ringers group of the Pikes Peak Youth Ringers. Sat., Dec. 1, 7 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 420 N. Nevada Ave., 233-2668, pikespeakringers.com.

Doherty High School Craft Fair, a benefit for the high school's instrumental music department, with vendors offering crafts, food and more. Dec. 1-2. Doherty High School, 4515 Barnes Road, 328-6400.

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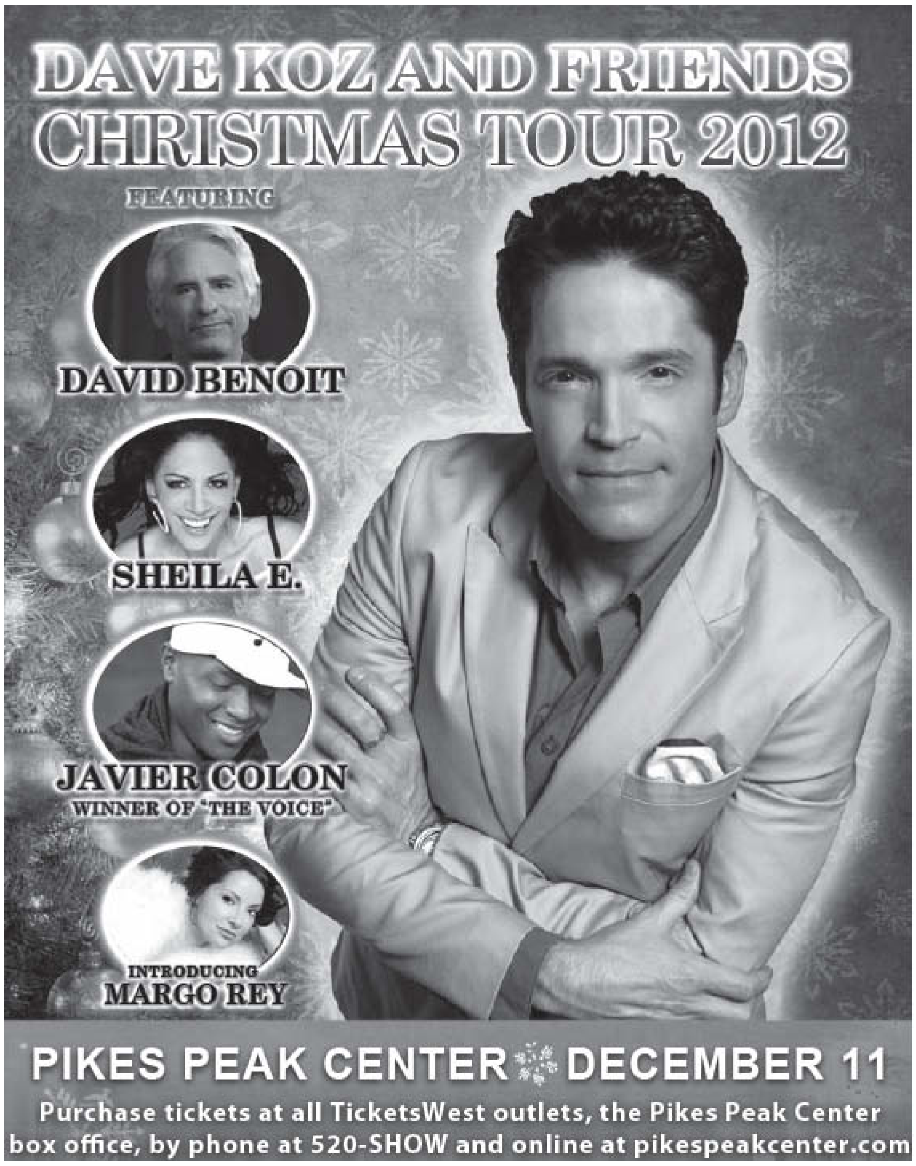

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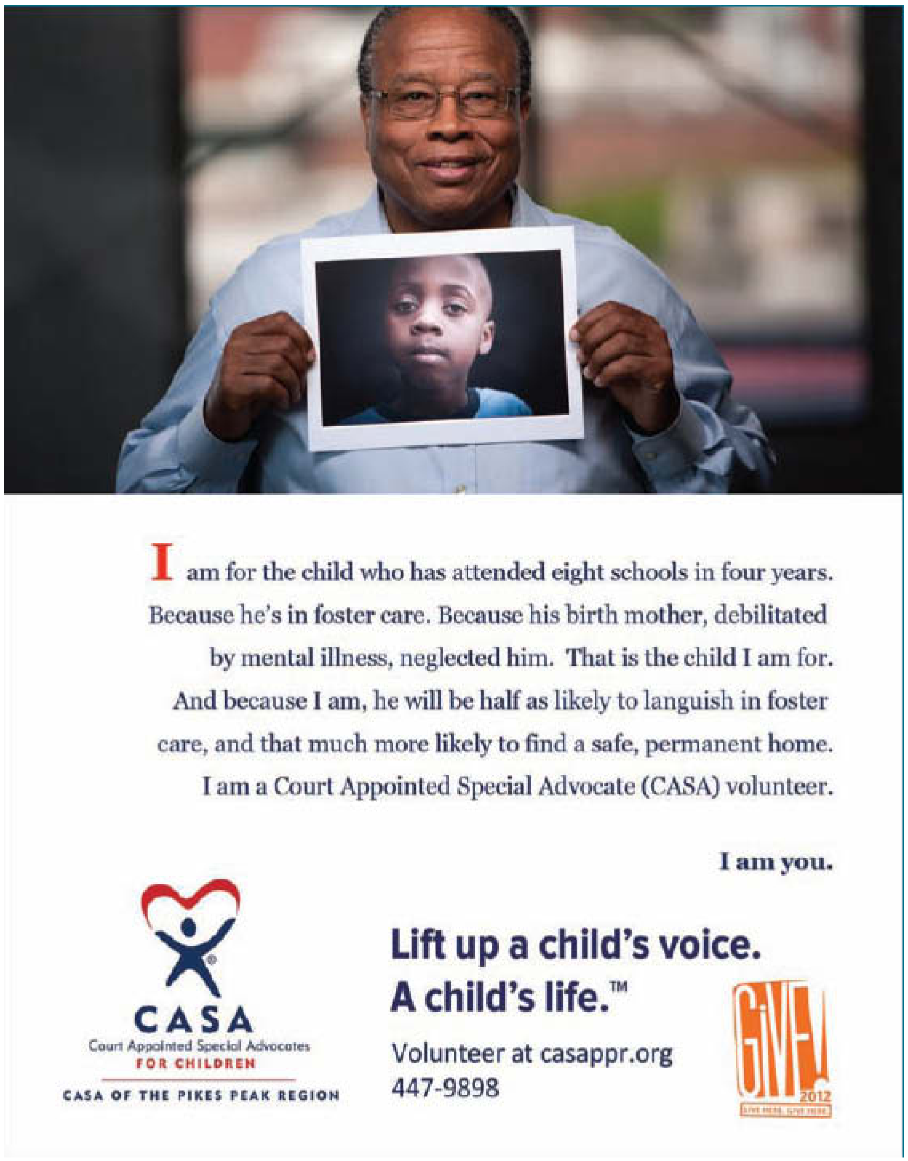

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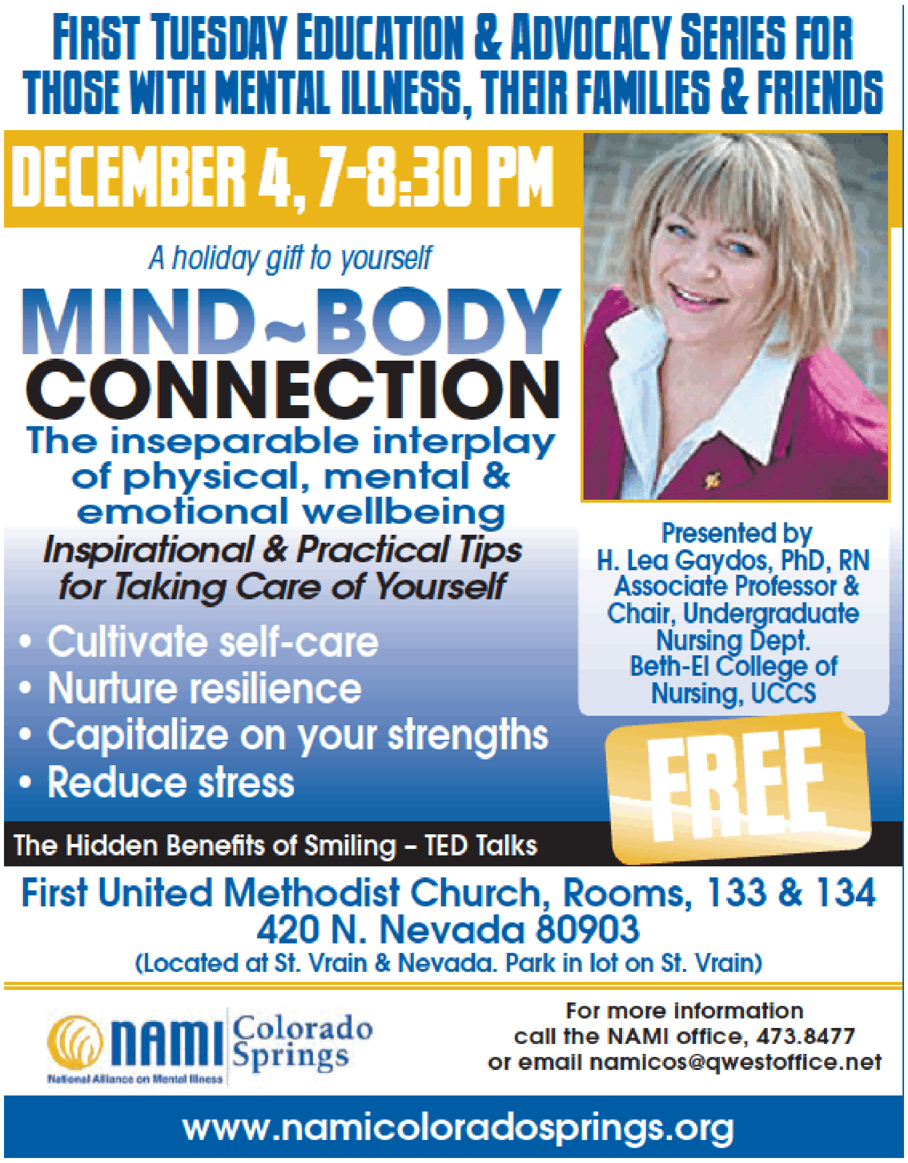

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and other contests and prizes for all ages. Sat., Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Petrie's Family Games, 3502 Hartsel Drive, 522-1099, petriesgames.com/family-storytelling-day.

PICK **Festival of Lights Parade,** a night of marching bands, be-lighted floats and special cars, all led by this year's grand marshall Jerri Marr. Sat., Dec. 1, 5:50 p.m. coloradospringsfestivaloflights.org.

Fifth Annual Christmas Dinner Theater, a free evening of live music, dramatic monologues and holiday hijinks, with a tasty Christmas fiesta-themed buffet, door prizes for grown-ups, and a Christmas Treat Tree full of toys for kids. Fri., Nov. 30, 6 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 1, 6 p.m. Black Forest Chapel, 14190 Black Forest Road, 495-2420, blackforestchapel.org.

***Glory in the Highest*: Christmas Cantata,** a family concert with two choirs. Sun., Dec. 2, 3 p.m. Free. Central Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1305 N. Union Blvd., 596-0368, centralsda.org.

Holiday Bazaar, a chance to buy homemade and brand-name items from 26 vendors. Nov. 30 to Dec. 1. The Vanguard School at Cheyenne Mountain Charter Academy, 1605 S. Corona Ave., cmca12.com.

Holiday Gift Show, a day for locally made holiday gifts and baked goods. Sat., Dec. 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coutura Design Inspirations, 6380 Corporate Center Circle, 232-9155, couturaco.com.

Holiday Home Tour, a tour of mountain homes in Woodland Park decorated for the holidays. Proceeds benefit the Teller Senior Coalition and others. Dec. 1-2. $15-$17. wphht.org.

Holiday Magic: Home for the Holidays, a children's holiday extravaganza featuring magicians, dancers, sing-alongs, crafts and storytime with Jerri Marr. See website for full schedule of events. Sat., Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum, 215 S. Tejon St., 385-5990, cspm.org.

Jewelry, Chocolate and Champagne, a holiday showcase of local jewelry artists, featuring live music, door prizes and tasty treats. Sat., Dec. 1, noon to 5 p.m. Mountain Living Studio, 741 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-0225, mountainlivingstudio.com.

Live Nativity Presentation, a 15-minute narrated presentation of the nativity story, featuring live animals and a cast of 25 actors. Free, though canned food donations for Care & Share will be gladly accepted. Fri., Nov. 30, 6 and 7 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 1, 6 and 7 p.m. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 8610 Scarborough Drive, 440-4140, coscreche@yahoo.com, coloradospringscreche.org.

Make Your Own Fresh Evergreen Wreath, a chance to learn the art of making and decorating wreaths and bows using evergreen tips harvested locally. RSVP recommended. Sat., Dec. 1, 1-2 p.m. $22. Phelan Gardens, 4955 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., 574-8058, phelangardens.com.

***Messiah*,** an abbreviated, child-friendly, sing-along performance from the church's choir and orchestra. Dec. 1-2. Free. Village Seven Presbyterian Church, 4050 Nonchalant Circle South, 574-6700, v7pc.org.

***Messiah Sing-Along*,** a performance by the Chamber Singers, conducted by Kimberley Schultz, with accompanying organ by Carol Wilson. Sun., Dec. 2, 7 p.m. First Christian Church, 16 E. Platte Ave., 633-8888, cschorale.org.

Santa Paws, a chance for your little ones (whether human or fuzzy) to get their photo taken with Santa, courtesy Blue Fox Photography. Online pre-registration required; all proceeds go to HSPPR. Sat., Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. $59. Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region, 610 Abbott Lane, 302-8788, hsppr.org/santapaws.

Santa's Sleigh Portrait Fundraiser, a chance to get your child or pet's photo taken with Santa in the official Festival of Lights Santa Float, complete with reindeer. All proceeds go to Harley's Hope Foundation, which helps pet owners in need of aid to provide happy, healthy lives for their pets. Sun., Dec. 2, 1-4:30 p.m. Yorkshire Veterinary Hospital, 1815 Dublin Blvd., 362-0090, yorkshirevetclinic.com.

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Skate in the Park, a chance to skate in a temporary ice rink in the park (skate loan available at the police substation.) The rink will be open Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and noon to 8 p.m. on Saturdays. Dec. 1-9. Free, donations to the Empty Stocking Fund encouraged. Acacia Park, 115 E. Platte Ave., downtown80903.com/events/skate-in-the-park.

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Lectures&Learning

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"Expedition Down the Colorado: A Summer Exploring the Water Issues of the Southwest's Great River," an illustrated State of the Rockies Project lecture about three Colorado College graduates who traveled down the Colorado River to investigate water quality and interview stakeholders at various watershed points. Tues., Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. Free. CC's Cornerstone Arts Center, 825 N. Cascade Ave., stateoftherockies.com.

Fighting Words, an anagrams tournament for individuals and teams, with prizes for top scorers. All proceeds go to the PILLAR Institute for Lifelong Learning, one of 58 local nonprofits participating in Give! 2012. Sat., Dec. 1, 9:30 a.m. to noon. $10-40. Country Club Corners Event Center, 182 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd., 633-4991.

Pikes Peak Workforce Center classes, offering courses on topics such as: applying for federal jobs, preparing for job interviews, building a better résumé and more. Pikes Peak Workforce Center, Citizens Service Center, 1675 Garden of the Gods Road, #1107, 667-3700, ppwfc.org.

***Savage Love Live!* by Dan Savage,** a presentation by the nationally syndicated sex columnist and founder of the It Gets Better Project, followed by a book signing. Wed., Nov. 28, 6:30 p.m. Free. CC's Armstrong Hall, 14 E. Cache la Poudre St., 389-6000, coloradocollege.edu.

"Understanding Nonviolent Power: Civil Resistance as a Force for Rights, Freedom, and Justice in the 21st Century," a discussion of the way nonviolent protest, demonstrated in movements like the Arab Spring, works to promote change, what the longterm effects are, and more, by Hardy Merriman, senior advisor to the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict. Mon., Dec. 3, 7 p.m. Free. CC's Worner Campus Center, 902 N. Cascade Ave., 389-6607, coloradocollege.edu.

PICK 1 **"Why Is Unemployment So High?" a lecture by Robert Solow,** professor emeritus of economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who was awarded the 1987 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences. Tues., Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. Free. CC's Gates Common Room, 1025 N. Cascade Ave, coloradocollege.edu.

Wine, Women & Chocolate 3, a dialog between local media mavens Cindy Aubrey, Jen Furda and Amanda Mountain, sponsored by the Pikes Peak Women's Coalition. RSVP recommended. Wed., Nov. 28, 5-7:30 p.m. Tim Gill Center for Public Media, 315 E. Costilla St., dsabol@ppld.org, rmpbs.org/timgillcenter.

Literary Events

***Exploring Colorado Wineries* book event,** a chance to meet the authors of this book and the folks behind Manitou Springs' D'Vine Wines, and buy a bottle of wine. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Business of Art Center. Sat., Dec. 1, 2-4 p.m. Black Cat Books, 513 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, manitoubooks.com.

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Hooked on Books book signing, an afternoon with Dr. Nancy Saltzman, author of *Radical Survivor*. Sat., Dec. 1, 1-3 p.m. Hooked on Books, 3918 Maizeland Road, 596-1621, hookedonbooksonline.com.

"Turning the Page" Book Signings, a night of signings, readings and discussions by a group of local authors: Jim and Diane Sawatzki, William J. O'Connor, Cindy Tafil and others. Fri., Nov. 30, 6-8 p.m. Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy. 105, Palmer Lake, 481-0475, trilakesarts.org.

Spirituality

The Training and Work of a Christian Initiate, a casual discussion program open to all members of the community. Wed., Nov. 28, 7-9 p.m. Liberal Catholic Church Center of Colorado Springs, 2720 E. Las Vegas St., #115, 387-0308, stbonaventurelcc.org.

Sports&Recreation

Burn It Out Fitness Event, a four-hour fitness class featuring a diverse lineup including Zumba, Piloxing and yoga. Arrive early for registration. Sat., Dec. 1, 8 a.m. $8. UCCS' University Center, 1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., 255-7515, uccs.edu/campusrec/wellness.html.

Coquette's Incline Club, a Saturday morning workout in rain, snow or shine; also enjoy socializing, coffee and food. Ten climbs earns a free T-shirt. Saturdays, 8 a.m. Coquette's Bistro & Bakery, 915 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs, 685-2420, coquettesbistroandbakery.com.

Falcon Wanderers Volksmarch, a walk through Old Colorado City with the club, featuring hot cider and cookies. Sat., Dec. 1, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Central Christian Church, 2002 W. Pikes Peak Ave., 633-5750, welovecentral.com.

Holiday Walk, a non-competitive walk featuring hot cider. Sat., Dec. 1, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Central Christian Church, 2002 W. Pikes Peak Ave., 633-5750, falconwanderers.org.

Pikes Peak Derby Dames Candy Snipers vs. Danger Dolls, a flat-track bout to decide the hometeam champion. There will also be a coat drive for the Marian House. Bring in a new or gently used coat and get $5 off. Sat., Dec. 1, 8 p.m. $10-$20. Colorado Springs City Auditorium, 221 E. Kiowa St., 385-5969, springsgov.com.

Yoga in the Rain Machine, a guided yoga session held in the gallery with artist Eric Tillinghast's "Rain Machine" installation. Led by Sarah Martin of CorePower Yoga. Thurs., Nov. 29, 4:30 p.m. $5 donation. Another yoga event with Marmalade's Kat Tudor will be held Sun., Dec. 2, 2 p.m. $5 donation. GOCA 1420 at UCCS, 1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy., 255-3504, galleryuccs.org.

Stage

The Ghosts of America Past**,** an encore presentation of this original, local, "satirical morality" play. Sat., Dec. 1, 7 p.m. $5. Marmalade at Smokebrush, 219 W. Colorado Ave., #210, 444-1012, smokebrush.org.

VolunteerOpportunities

Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado seeks volunteers to help out Mondays through Saturdays. It's also seeking "lead volunteers" who can commit to one or two days a week. Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado, 2605 Preamble Point, 434-5724, careandshare.org.

Peak Area Council of Governments seeks volunteers with good clerical and customer-service skills to help seniors improve their independence and quality of life by working in the Senior Information and Assistance Center (SIAC). Time commitment: 4-7 hours per week. 471-7080, jwilkinson@ppacg.org.

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments seeks a volunteer to serve as a citizen-at-large on its community advisory committee. Deadline for applications is Dec. 14. ppacg.org.

Project Angel Heart urgently seeks delivery drivers for the nutritious meals they provide, at no cost, for those coping with life-threatening illness. Current need has outstripped capacity and the waiting list is growing. Time commitment: Two hours every other week. 303/830-0202, projectangelheart.org.

SolAmor Hospice seeks volunteers to provide pet therapy to its terminally ill patients. 226-0091, solamorhospice.com.

Spirit of America Response (SOAR) seeks volunteers for its food pantry and other programs for the military community. Call or e-mail for more info. 229-8280, dave@lotuscenterco.org.

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Curses, foiled again

A gunman demanding money at a Subway in Braidwood, Ill., was thwarted by a male employee who "threw a pot of soup at the suspect," police Chief Rich Girot said. The suspect fled, empty-handed. (*Chicago Sun-Times*)

Police said Herbert C. Ridge, 38, siphoned gas from a car in Mesa, Ariz., but caught fire while fleeing and crashed his pickup truck into a neighboring house. A security camera just installed by the siphoned car's owner, Mitch Drum, 26, photographed Ridge leaping from the driver's seat of the pickup and rolling on the ground with his shirt engulfed in flames. "He had this manufactured siphoning system that he made himself, with a pump hooked up to it, to a battery," Drum said. "Something must have sparked." (ABC News)

Litigation nation

After avid golfers Robert and Katherine Brady bought a house next to a golf course in Ravalli County, Mont., they sued it and the county for not warning them that golf balls would land on their property. Some 1,300 balls a year landed in their yard, even after they built a 6-foot-tall cedar fence topped with a 14-foot-high net. The Hamilton Golf Club defended itself by pointing out no golfer would intentionally hit a ball into the Bradys' yard and risk a two-stroke penalty, which would cause the golfer "strife and self-loathing." District Judge James Haynes ruled against the Bradys, declaring they "failed to fulfill their independent duty to see what was plainly apparent" before buying the home. (*Ravalli Republic*)

War on obesity

Following bans on super-sized sugary soft drinks inspired by New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, PepsiCo Inc. unveiled a new version of Pepsi-Cola in Japan. Called Pepsi Special, it contains dextrin, an indigestible, potato-derived fiber that Pepsi says slows the absorption of fat in the body by binding with it and eliminating it as waste. "Why choose between a hamburger and a slice of pizza?" Japanese commercials announce. "If you choose Pepsi Special, you can have both!" (Yahoo Health)

Who needs guns?

Police reported a 28-year-old woman in Bellingham, Wash., hit her boyfriend, 31, on the top of his head with a glass bong. (*The Bellingham Herald*)

Zany South Koreans

The South Korean city of Suwon opened the world's first toilet theme park to honor its former mayor, who campaigned for better toilets. Sim Jae-Duck, known as "Mr. Toilet," had a passion for toilets, having been born in his grandmother's bathroom. He designed and built himself a toilet-shaped house, which is now a museum in Restroom Cultural Park. Besides the theme park, Suwon holds an annual Golden Poop Art Festival. (London's *UK Metro*)

What could go wrong?

California enacted a law requiring safety and performance standards be set for driverless motor vehicles by January 2015. Gov. Jerry Brown showed up in a self-driving Toyota Prius to sign the legislation at the Mountain View headquarters of Google Inc., which has been developing autonomous vehicle technology and already operates a dozen computer-controlled cars. The new law requires a licensed driver to sit behind the wheel to serve as a backup in case of emergency. "You can count on one hand the number of years before people can experience this," Google co-founder Serey Brin said. (Associated Press)

Suspicion confirmed

Seatbelts on airplanes are pointless, says Ryanair chief executive Michael O'Leary. "If there ever was a crash on an aircraft," he adds, "God forbid, a seatbelt won't save you." O'Leary seeks approval to remove the last 10 rows of cabin seats on European flights and sell standing-room-only tickets for less than $2. "We're always looking for new ways of doing things," O'Leary said. "It's the authorities who won't allow us to do them." (Britain's *The Telegraph*)

Sticky fingers

A Connecticut jury convicted Anthony Johnson, 49, of stealing up to $70,000 a week by crawling beneath seats in darkened movie theaters to remove credit cards from women's pocketbooks. He used the stolen cards to collect cash advances from the state's gambling casinos and to go on shopping sprees with his women accomplices, who would alert Johnson where potential victims kept their pocketbooks. The FBI said Johnson has been crawling on theater floors since at least 2007. (*The Hartford Courant*)

Slight provocation

Houston authorities accused Deby Mejia, 23, of beating her 10-year-old sister unconscious with an extension cord because she caught the child eating a bag of Cheetos that she bought from a neighbor while the older sister was gone. (Houston's KTRK-TV)

Sushi flambé

New York City fire marshals arrested sushi chef Fei Teng, 42, after gasoline he stored in soy sauce buckets at a restaurant caught fire. Fire official Frank Dwyer said Teng asked a dishwasher to bring the containers from the basement to his car, but "more than half the gasoline" spilled onto the kitchen floor and ignited, burning Teng, a busboy and a waitress. (New York's *Daily News*)

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Tax turmoil

In a pre-vote look at Amendment 64 ("After I'm 64," News, Oct. 31), Colorado Springs Rep. Mark Waller, a Republican, expressed doubts about the taxation portion of the proposed law. Now, in a phone interview, incoming Democratic Senate President **John Morse** joins him.

"I personally would love to see marijuana legalized; I agree it's stupid to criminalize it," begins Morse, a former police chief, to explain where he's coming from. "But I also believe, as an American, in the rule of law. There are lots of laws I think are stupid, but I do my very best to comply with every single one, regardless of my personal opinion about it, until it's no longer law."

And there could be trouble in complying with a portion of the amendment that says, "The General Assembly shall enact an excise tax to be levied upon marijuana ..."

Morse first wonders if, just by debating the merits of marijuana taxation and regulation, he might be seen by the federal government as conspiring to commit racketeering.

Asked if that might already have happened with the Legislature's passage of medical-marijuana related bills, he says maybe. But he continues: "You know, when you're talking about medical marijuana, and you're talking about medicinal purposes, and all that, I mean, that's one thing to say, 'What kind of risk am I willing to take on the Senate floor to alleviate human suffering?' That's a different question than, 'What kind of risk am I willing to take to help engage in what is a criminal enterprise?'"

There's also doubt about whether a tax vote is needed at all, or whether the amendment's wording supersedes TABOR requirements; the original question of whether lawmakers can be compelled to add a ballot question; and whether Morse would have enough Democratic and Republican support for the needed two-thirds majority to place something on the ballot at all. It's not even known who would be culpable, or what would happen, if the state's voters reject the tax.

Basically, the Senate president says, "This is a lose-lose proposition, where we're gonna try to find a way to figure it out, but there isn't a way. And I think millions of dollars are gonna be spent in the process on legal fees."

North-side support

In the vein of our reporting on p. 15, here are a few election-related numbers:

- The obvious cannabis-friendly bastions — Manitou Springs, and the neighborhoods around West Colorado Avenue — voted passage of **Amendment 64** by roughly 68 and 66 percent, respectively.
- Outside of that, the largest zone of support came from Precinct 154, near Academy Boulevard and Austin Bluffs Parkway; there, some 61 percent of people voted to legalize.

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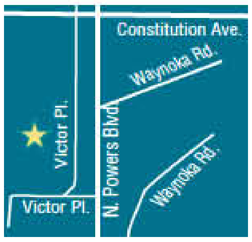

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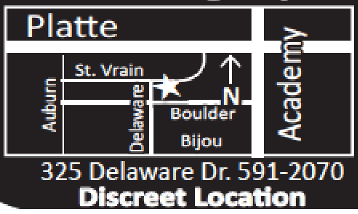

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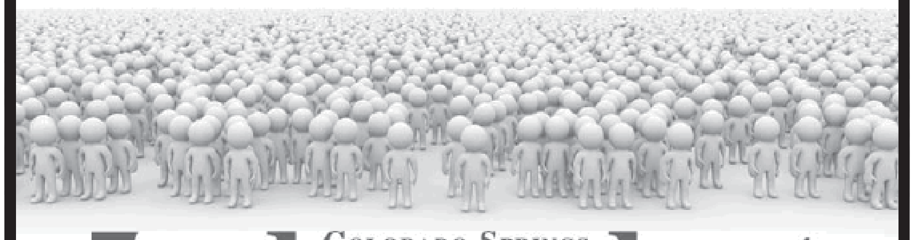

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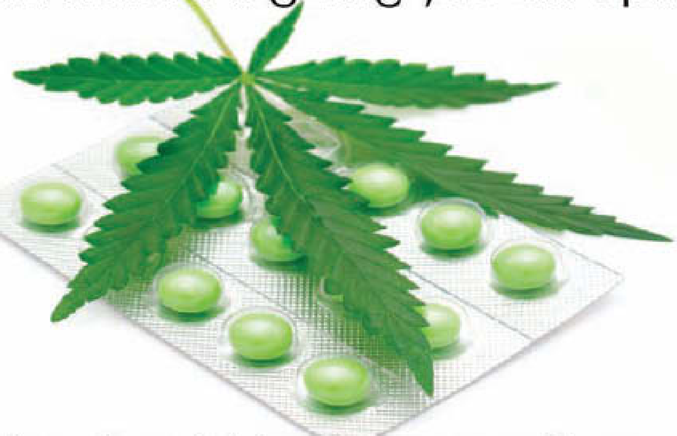

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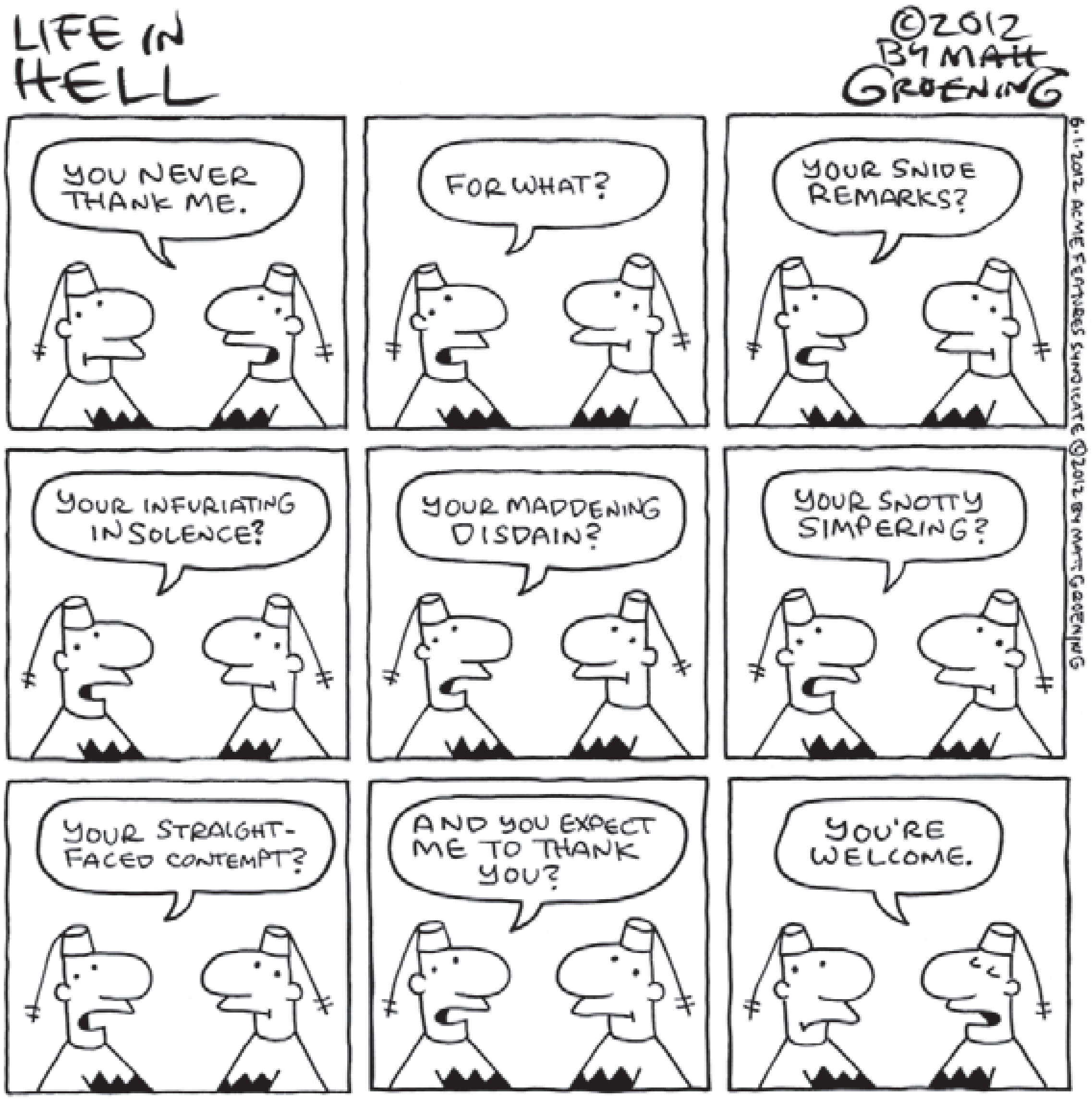
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you say "rabbit rabbit rabbit" as soon as you wake up on the first day of the month, you will have good luck for the next 30 to 31 days. At least that's how reality works according to a British superstition. But judging from your astrological omens, I don't think you will have to resort to magic tricks like that to stimulate your good fortune. In the next four weeks, I suspect you will be the beneficiary of a flood of cosmic mojo, as well as a surge of divine woowoo, a shower of astral juju, and an upwelling of universal googoo gaga. If it would give you even more confidence to invoke your favorite superstitions, though, go right ahead. Even scientists say that kind of thing works: tinyurl.com/superstitiousboost.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): "They are trying to make me into a fixed star," complained religious leader Martin Luther a few centuries ago. "I am an irregular planet." I invite you to use that declaration as your own in the coming weeks. You have every right to avoid being pinned down, pigeonholed and forced to be consistent. According to my reading of the astrological omens, you need abundant freedom to mutate your identity. You deserve a poetic license that allows you to play a variety of different roles and explore the pleasures of unpredictable self-expression.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): "The Star-Spangled Banner" is America's national anthem. It features the lyrics of a patriotic poem written by Francis Scott Key. But the melody itself is entirely lifted from a bawdy old song that celebrates Bacchus, the ancient god of wine and ecstatic dancing. I love it when things are repurposed as dramatically as that. Do you? The coming weeks will be prime time to repurpose stuff with creative abandon. Make the past useful for the future, Taurus. Turn good old ideas into fantastic new ones. Don't just recycle; transform.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): I'm guessing that in the coming weeks you will be receiving a multitude of inquiries, invitations and temptations — probably more than you feel capable of responding to, and certainly more than you *should* respond to. A few of these opportunities might be appealing and lead to interesting adventures. But some will be useless, diversionary or trivial. Will you be able to tell the difference? That's your big challenge. If you'd like help dodging unwanted solicitations, give out this phone number as your own: 212/479-7990. It's a free service provided by "The Rejection Line" at rejectionline.com. People calling that number will be politely told you aren't available.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): For millennia, the plant known as the yellow avalanche lily has thrived on mountain slopes and meadows throughout western North America. It blooms early in the spring, just in time for broad-tailed hummingbirds that migrate from Central America to sip the flower's nectar. But now there's a problem with that ancient arrangement. Due to global warming, the lily now blossoms 17 days earlier than it used to. But the hummingbirds haven't made an adjustment in their schedule, so they're barely showing up in time to get their full allotment of nectar. I suspect this is a metaphor for a shift you may be facing in your own life rhythm. Fortunately, you've been forewarned, and you can adjust better than the hummingbirds.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): In our calendar, there is no special holiday devoted to honoring the joy and power of rebellion. This oversight confounds me. All my experience tells me that the urge to revolt is a fundamental human need. Every one of us has a sacred duty to regularly rise up and overthrow a stale status quo that is oppressing us — whether that's an organized group effort we're part of or our own deadening routine. I'm telling you this, Leo, because it's an excellent time to celebrate your own Rebellion Jubilee. Your vitality will soar as you shed numbing habits and decaying traditions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Recently you've had resemblances to an 8-year-old kid wearing the pajamas you loved when you were 5. Your bare arms are jutting out beyond where the sleeves end, and there's a similar thing going on with your legs. The fabric is ripped here and there because it can't accommodate how much you've grown. You're feeling discomfort in places where the overly tight fit is squeezing your flesh. All of this is somewhat cute but mostly alarming. I wish you would wean yourself of the past and update your approach.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A lot of leopard frogs live on Staten Island, one of New York City's five boroughs. Most of them make a sound that resembles a long snore or a rapid chuckle. But over the years, biologists have also detected a third type of frogly expression: a clipped, repetitive croak. Just this year, they finally figured out that this belonged to an entirely distinct species of leopard frog that they had never before identified. It's still so new it doesn't have a name yet. I expect a metaphorically similar development in your life, Libra. You will become aware of a secret that has been hiding in plain sight. You will "find" something that actually revealed itself to you some time ago.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Tom Tolbert is a sports talk show host on San Francisco radio station KNBR. I am amazingly neutral about him. Nothing he says fascinates me or mirrors my own thoughts. On the other hand, he never makes me mad and he's not boring. I neither like him nor dislike him. I simply see him for who he is, without any regard for what he can do for me. He has become a symbol of the possibility that I'm able to look at a human being with complete impartiality, having no wish for him to be different from what he is. In the coming week, I suggest you try to achieve this enlightened state of mind on a regular basis. It's prime time, astrologically speaking, to ripen your mastery of the art of objectivity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): According to Greek myth, Perseus cut off the head of Medusa. She was the creature whose hair was composed of snakes and whose gaze could turn a person into stone. The immortal winged horse Pegasus was instantaneously born from Medusa's blood. He ultimately became an ally to the nine Muses, and Zeus relied on him to carry thunder and lightning. I predict that while you're sleeping, Capricorn, you will have a dream that contains elements of this myth. Here's a preliminary interpretation of that dream: You are undergoing a transition that could in a sense give you the power of flight and a more abundant access to a muse.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's time for you to be leader of the pack, Aquarius; to take your gang to the next level; to make sure the group mind isn't suppressing innovation and enforcing peer pressure but is rather inspiring every member of the tribe to be as creative as they dare to be. And if it's not realistic for you to wield that much power, then do whatever you can to synergize the alliances that hold your posse together. Build team morale. Gossip constructively. Conspire to animate an influx of fresh magic.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you're a food company that wants to sell chicken in the shape of a chicken wing, it must have actual chicken wing meat in it. Otherwise, the law says you've got to call your product "wyngz." I've always thought that there's a lot of information the media presents as "news" that is really as fake as wyngz. That's why I advocate calling the bogus stuff "newzak" (rhymes with "Muzak"). Your assignment in the coming weeks, Pisces, is to make sure you're not putting out any wyngz- or newzak-like stuff in your own chosen field. The fates will help you rather dramatically if you put a high premium on authenticity.

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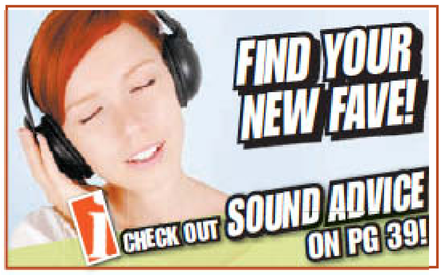

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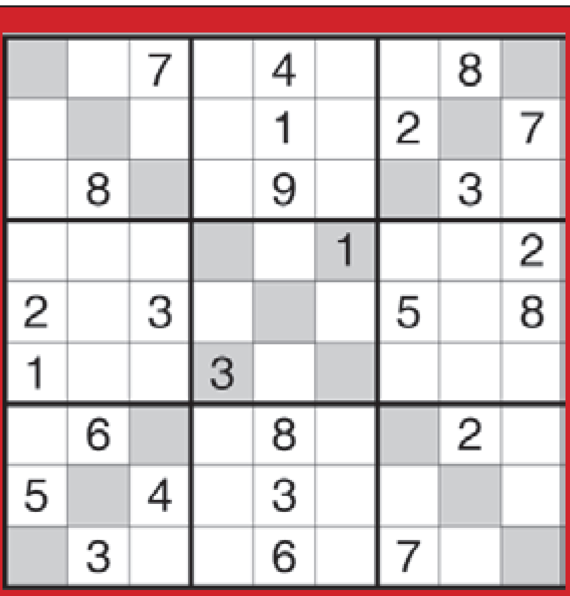

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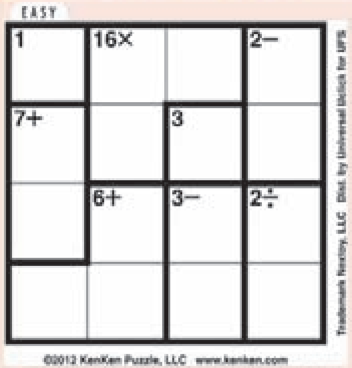

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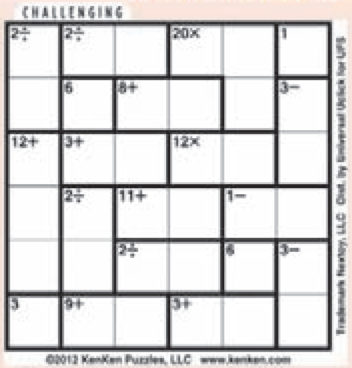

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Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a number in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined cage will produce the target number show by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division. A 4x4 grid uses the digits 1,2,3,4, while a 6x6 grid uses the numbers 1-6.

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RULES

❶ Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
❷ The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
❸ Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

AdviceGoddess

By Amy Alkon

The way of the nailgun

My boyfriend of four years is a wonderful man who makes me incredibly happy. He was there for me throughout my breast cancer, making me feel sexy, beautiful and loved. I'm 43, divorced five years. He's 41, never married, and his longest relationship was with a train wreck of an alcoholic on house arrest (I know, red flag). Six months ago, he moved in with his dad (45 minutes away) after his dad asked him to help renovate a house he bought to flip. We text daily and sometimes talk on the phone for 10 minutes, but I only see him every two weeks for a weekend. I'm lonely every day. I miss the day-to-day of coming home to the person who loves you, cooking together, working through life together. Realizing the renovation will take more than another two years, I asked him whether he'd ever consider moving in with me. He said he's already unpacked and it would be a pain to move again. Couples marry and have babies in the time we've been dating! He says they'll all be divorced in five years and we'll still be together, which could be true. I just don't know how to get past wanting more. — Empty House

Sure, absence makes the heart grow fonder — until it makes the heart yank out its calculator and notice that it's spent 85 percent of its year sitting next to a dent in the couch.

You're experiencing an unbreakup — a breakup where you don't quite break up. Your boyfriend has managed to get out of your relationship, but without the wrenching breakup conversation or the bummer of no longer having you in his life. And although it's been six months since he had himself downgraded from boyfriend to biweekly houseguest, you're still referring to him as a "wonderful man" who makes you "incredibly happy."

You can't just hint at what's bothering you.

In fact, you can't help but bubble over with the language of joy: "I'm lonely every day" and "I don't know how to get past wanting more."

Wanting the man you love to be around to cook dinner with you isn't exactly a freakish sexual fetish. Still, he isn't a bad person if he doesn't want that — just a bad person for you. But, consider that his relocation to Home Sweet Home Depot might stem from some emotional itchiness on his part. Maybe it's overwhelming when a woman just needs him because she loves him and not because she can't get to the liquor store herself while wearing her state-supplied ankle jewelry or because she's too weak to hitchhike to chemo.

Whatever your boyfriend's problem, it's making your happiness come a distant second to his dad's need to reface the cabinets. This isn't entirely his fault. It might be worth it to him to work through his commitment heebie-jeebies or whatever, but you can't just hint at what's bothering you (asking whether he'd "ever consider moving in"). You need to tell him flat-out that you're miserable without somebody there day to day. This tells him he'd better come through, or he'll lose you. (Spell that out if it needs spelling.) As for your priorities, you e-mailed me some wise words from your oncologist: "You deserve to be happy. You only get one life, and you worked really hard to keep yours." This suggests that the right guy for you will be there for you because you're there and alive and you want to be with him; you won't need to dress up as a leaky faucet to get his attention.

Mao Tse-tongue

I'm a woman dating a woman who never really cooked until she met me. I'm not a professional chef — just seriously into cooking. At first, she loved learning from me. Now, when she has me over for dinner, she gets upset when I make suggestions. I just hate to see her plan a great meal, sometimes with expensive ingredients, and have it not turn out. — Dicey Situation

She was probably planning on serving capellini, not Mussolini. Sure, it's got to be hard to watch her violate a tomato, but maybe the "right way" to dice one is the way that doesn't break you two up. To avoid meddling, don't think of her cooking for you as cooking; think of it as an edible gift. (If it were your birthday, surely you wouldn't tail her to the mall, lecture her on what to buy, and then berate her on how she's wrapping it all wrong.) Compliment her efforts, and when you cook, you can enlist her help and show her a thing or two. Ultimately, knowing your way around the kitchen sometimes entails knowing when to stay out of it and keeping your mouth clamped shut until it's time for Mr. Fork to fly a big load of oddly rubbery mashed potatoes into the hangar.

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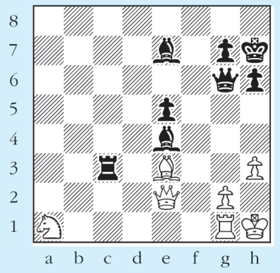

BLACK TO PLAY

Hint: Key is a possible mate.

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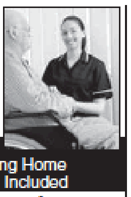

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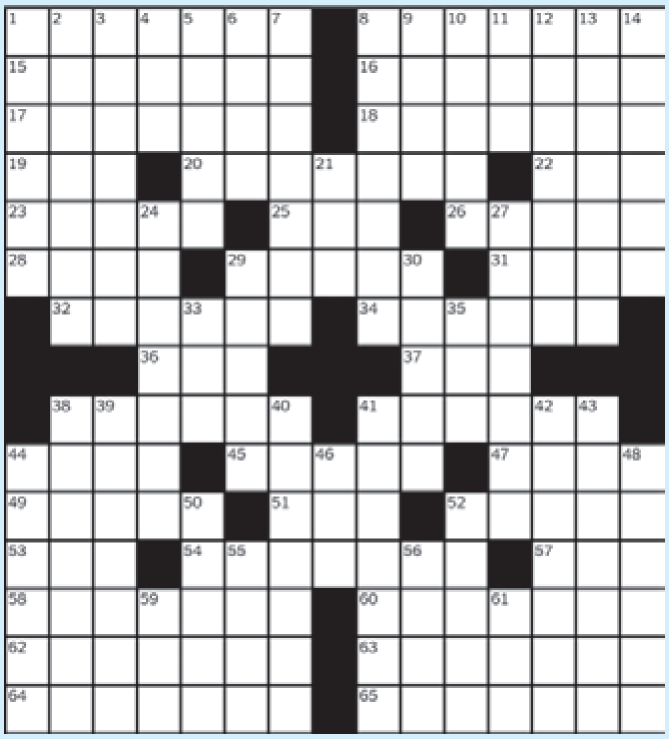

ACROSS

1 "Whenever you're ready!"
8 Dangerous locale
15 Property recipient, at law
16 "Aha!"
17 Remote-sensing orbiter
18 Riviera resort
19 "Once in Love With ___"
20 Adriatic port
22 The "p" in the middle of certain abbreviations
23 Smooth over, as a drive
25 General on a Chinese menu
26 Ritzy
28 Year Michelangelo's "David" was completed
29 Molotov cocktail, e.g.
31 Google stat
32 Pond creatures
34 Lotus ___ (listless race in Greek myth)
36 Play that introduced the word "robot"
37 What's that in Italy?
38 Whence the phrase "Put not your trust in princes"
41 Crasher of 1979
44 "You ___?"
45 Battle of Britain fighter
47 Jobs creation?
49 Friendly if a bit careless sort, supposedly
51 Bonanza find
52 One way to have ham
53 Drivel
54 Comedians, e.g.
57 ___ broche (on a skewer)
58 Driving force
60 Beauty shop stock
62 Library receipt info
63 And other women: Lat.
64 Radial choices
65 1963 Johnny Cash hit

DOWN

1 A prankster may pull one
2 City on San Francisco Bay
3 Dickens boy
4 Lent's start, e.g.: Abbr.
5 Orch. member
6 "Laughable Lyrics" writer
7 #1 album, for four weeks, before "Woodstock"
8 Willowy
9 "The wolf ___ the door"
10 Yucatán youth
11 Poetic contraction
12 Not-so-great poker holding
13 Provokes
14 Spectacular display
21 "___ Beso" (1962 hit)
24 Garden-variety
27 Bring by cart, say
29 Second Amendment subject
30 Produce an undesired effect
33 Neighbor of Rom.
35 Biblical possessive
38 New Jersey setting for "Coneheads"
39 Scrap
40 Union members
41 More dear
42 Medium for lots of talk
43 Seasoning from the laurel tree
44 Rat-a-tat
46 Apr. addressee
48 Time-out, of sorts
50 "Paradise Lost" figure
52 Ottoman Empire founder
55 Quiet
56 French roast
59 Japan's ___ Period (1603-1867)
61 N. Afr. land

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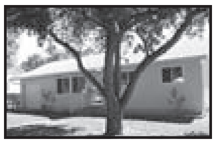

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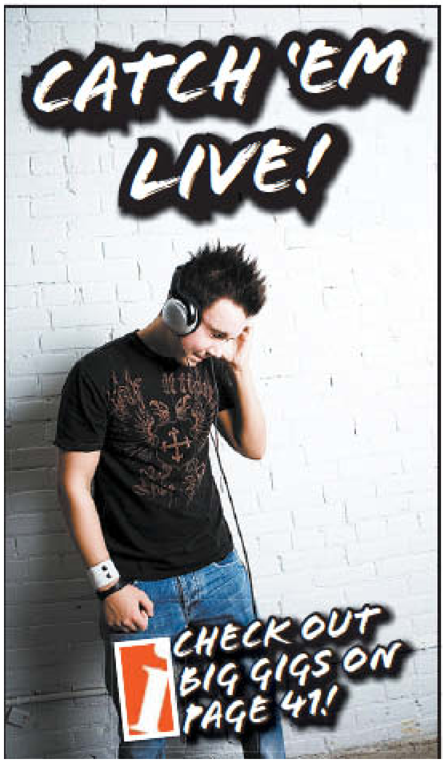

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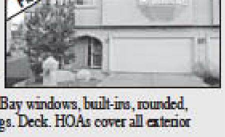

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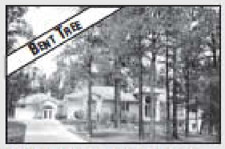

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CHESS QUIZ

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EndZone

By Ralph Routon

CU does the right thing

You never forget seeing grown men cry in absolute despair, even when it happens in sports like in November 1984, after the University of Colorado finished a 1-10 football season with an embarrassing 38-6 defeat at Kansas State, also a loser in those days.

Inside the visitors dressing room that day in Manhattan, Kan., players and coaches wept, many uncontrollably. They had believed they were heading in the right direction, so they couldn't explain why the year had gone so terribly bad. I remember trying to console **Gary Barnett**, then an assistant before he excelled as a head coach at Northwestern and CU. He was sure the Buffaloes, guided then by head coach **Bill McCartney**, still could go far.

And one of the emotional players that day was sophomore tight end **Jon Embree**, who would help Colorado rebound to seven wins and a bowl game the next year, followed by an upset over Nebraska and another bowl in 1986.

Those details came back to mind last week, after CU finished a disastrous 1-11 season with an exasperating 42-35 home loss to Utah. Embree, in his second year as head coach, had maintained the support of McCartney and other onlookers who felt the rebuilding job would require more time and patience — just as with McCartney in 1984.

But there were differences, which led to Embree being fired Sunday. Sure, in a perfect world, Embree might have deserved another year. Then again, as things are, he really didn't.

CU couldn't afford to let another year go by with a substandard staff, so many recruiting failures both in-state and nationally, and fast-dwindling fan support. Losing every home game for the first time in Folsom Field's 88-year history apparently was the last straw.

Embree left trying to compare now to 1984, but that's not appropriate. This team is nowhere close to making a dramatic breakthrough. Colorado had more talented players back then, and McCartney's staff was recruiting with success. Let's also not forget those assistants, a number of whom would go on to be well-known head coaches: Barnett, **Gerry DiNardo, Lou Tepper, Jim Caldwell, Ron Vanderlinden** and current LSU head man **Les Miles**.

That staff, one could tell even then, was special. Embree's staff had some familiar names, but nowhere near the depth of experience or expertise.

Something else surely pushed CU to give up now on Embree. The administration could look around the Pacific 12 Conference and see how three other schools made instant turnabouts this year by bringing in proven head coaches: **Jim Mora Jr.** at UCLA, **Rich Rodriguez** at Arizona and **Todd Graham** at Arizona State. All three pounded Colorado, and they're already far ahead in recruiting wars.

CU's only chance to avoid being left far behind for a half-decade or more was to make a change now. Not by dumping assistant coaches, but by starting at the top.

This means Colorado can't hire a coach-in-the-making anymore. No more feel-good gambles on an alumnus. In fact, athletic director **Mike Bohn** should feel intense pressure, because this hire could be his last. Bohn already is 0-2 in hiring football coaches, with Embree preceded by **Dan Hawkins**.

Colorado doesn't appear to have the wherewithal to pluck away a big name from another top-level program, but Bohn still might try. Who knows, perhaps someone like **Chris Petersen** at Boise State, **Art Briles** at Baylor or **Gary Patterson** at TCU would listen, though others are pursuing them. Let's remember, too, that Hawkins came from Boise.

Bohn courted Air Force's **Troy Calhoun** before hiring Embree two years ago, but that just doesn't look like the right match. Calhoun is heading for his sixth straight bowl game, and he has total job security at Air Force.

Instead, Bohn might try to find and recycle the next Mora, Rodriguez or Graham. More likely, though, Colorado will attract a second-tier head coach with a bright, wide-open offensive mind, like **Gary Andersen** at Utah State, **Mike MacIntyre** at San Jose State or **Gus Malzahn** at Arkansas State.

Whoever it is, though, CU has to find someone who can recruit anywhere and can assemble a first-rate staff. Not in a few years, but now.

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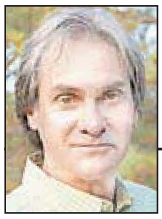
SPORTS SHOT

Good for both Colorado and Air Force showed Sunday why they should play every year in men's basketball; CU's win was a good test for both. Also: Buffs freshman Josh Scott of Lewis-Palmer is a star in the making.

Broncos agenda Now we'll see if Denver can avoid its pitfall of the past decade, when it has routinely gone downhill in December.

Potential deal Word has it that the Atlanta Braves covet Rockies centerfielder Dexter Fowler, an Atlanta native, and would offer a solid starting pitcher.

Plan on it Women's pro golf returns to the state next Aug. 13-18 with the Solheim Cup, U.S. vs. Europe (like the Ryder Cup), at Colorado Golf Club in Parker, just 53 miles from downtown Colorado Springs.



RangerRich

By Rich Tosches

Praying with Uncle Dennis

My **Uncle Dennis** joined us for Thanksgiving this year and I asked him to say grace, just before we tore the limbs off a giant bird and ate them. Uncle Dennis delivered a very nice blessing. Here are a few of his thoughts that I jotted down:

Thank you, oh Lord, for making **Mitt Romney**'s voice stop coming out of my television 24 hours a day. I was thinking of killing myself.

Speaking of television, Lord, would it be possible for you to make the TV stations here in our village of Possum Hollow, I mean Colorado Springs, maybe bring us just a few more stories about mobile-home fires and feral dogs?

And thank you for the revelations into Gen. **David Petraeus**' affair. We'd been wondering why **Paula Broadwell** had those impressions of the Legion of Merit medal and the Bronze Star on her forehead. This clears that up, Lord.

And thank you, dear God, for the related story about Marine Gen. **John** "Semper Infidelis" **Allen** and that woman he was sending all those e-mails, **Jill Kelley** of Tampa, Fla. Is it just me, Lord, or does Mrs. Kelley look a little like **Knute Rockne** with a facelift?

Here's another question, Lord. What the heck was with that confrontation between *Gazette* reporter **Dave Philipps** and wrinkly old Interior Secretary **Ken Salazar**? As I understand it, Lord, the old guy in the ridiculous cowgirl hat threatened to "punch out" the reporter because Philipps had the audacity to ask the nation's Interior secretary about wild-horse slaughter. It was almost like Mr. Salazar had something to hide.

And I'm sure you know more about this and, frankly, more about everything — although my wife might give you a run for your money there, Lord — but we've heard the extended Salazar family tried to forget the whole ugly incident when they gathered at their table and watched Uncle Ken carve the horse.

Thank you, Lord, for this wonderful place we call home.

(And this is just what I heard, Lord, but did ol' Howdy Doody, side-saddle Ken really throw out his back trying to lift the wild horse's "drumstick"?)

Anyway, thank you, Lord, for this wonderful place we call home in the foothills of your Rocky Mountains. Although recently I've been wondering why there are so many Romney/Ryan campaign signs still littering up the place.

And why, Lord, haven't people scraped those Romney bumper stickers off their cars yet? Is it because the Republicans think if they pray harder to you, Lord, the election will be overturned and **President Obama** will have to go back to Kenya, where he came from?

Oh, and is pregnancy-inducing rape really a blessing from you, Lord, like leading Republicans **Rick Santorum** and **Richard Mourdock** said? Or were they just at the back of the line when you were handing out brains?

On a personal note, Lord, sorry I kept calling out your name and your kid's name (I may have even dragged **Mary** and **Joseph** into it) when I was playing golf last Tuesday. I am deeply, deeply sorry. It's just that, well, Lord, you spend $650 on a new set of clubs and you don't expect to hit THREE $%^&*# BALLS INTO THE LAKE ON THE 14th HOLE!!!!!

Oops. I apologize again, Lord.

Speaking of hypocrites, Lord, how come in a village like this, with all the loud, self-proclaimed Bible-toting Christians, all cutting each other off in the church parking lots to get the good parking spaces, well, Lord, how come they all hate homeless people? Didn't you once say something along the lines of, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren, you do unto me?"

And while we're talking about religious loons and extreme right-wing Republicans giving our village such a lousy image that businesses won't come here, thank you, Lord, for giving us an airport that is not congested with all those stupid airplanes like other airports.

And I don't want to beat a dead horse, Lord (unlike Girl-Hat Salazar), but is it true that when Gen. Petraeus hopped into the sack with Mrs. Broadwell he would shout, "OK, who wants to see my pilotless drone?"

Anyway, thanks for listening, Lord. Oh, and thanks for the cranberry sauce.

Amen.

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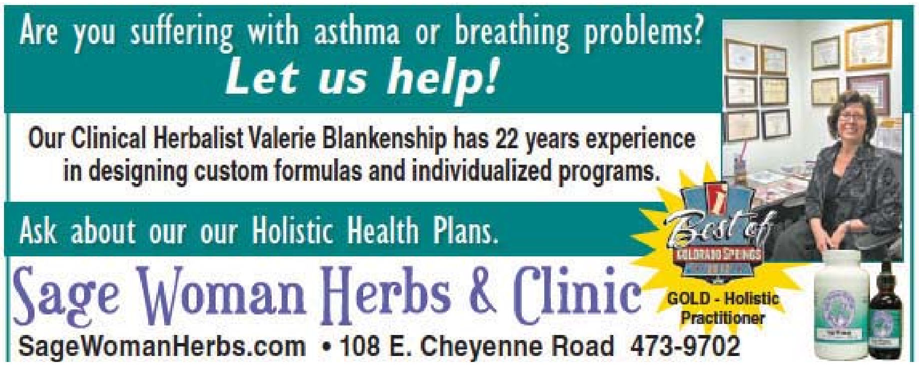
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